

**A Step Of Equality**

As same-sex couples work to receive equal benefits, the Skiff examines the steps TCU has taken to bring equality.  
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Fort Worth, Texas

**SGA budget cut causes changes in projects**

By Jonathan Sampson  
STAFF REPORTER

Student Government Association members said they don't know what the organization's main improvements project is going to be, but they do know it's not going to be as big as originally planned.

The House of Student Representatives Permanent Improvements Committee's budget went from \$13,000 to \$8,000 after TCU administration discovered a

budget discrepancy, March 2.

SGA Advisor Larry Markley said the problem happened because \$40,000 that was supposed to be allotted to the yearbook was mistakenly directed into the SGA account, causing SGA leaders to over budget by \$23,000.

Markley said when they began to cut the budget throughout SGA, they first looked to areas with large amounts of remaining money. He said all other cuts were then considered on a case-by-case

basis.

Chelsea Hudson, Permanent Improvements Committee chairwoman, said she was worried when she first heard her entire budget would be cut, but she said that now the cuts have been spread throughout SGA in a way where everyone is feeling the affects.

"We're all taking this together so it's not as bad," she said.

Hudson said the impact of the \$5,000 cut to the committee's budget will mean a scaled down

plan for this semester. She said her committee was originally planning to do one large project and supplement it with additional small jobs around campus, but now they'll probably just do the one central project.

Hudson said her committee is currently gathering ideas for the project, and they plan to present the actual idea at the March 27 House meeting. She said in an earlier interview that the main goal of this semester's project is to plan

something that students can see as a visible reminder of SGA on campus.

Hudson said she was surprised there was a problem with the budget, and she said she thinks that TCU needs to work on its finances.

"To me, to misplace \$40,000 sounds like a problem," she said. "We're losing money because it's not being watched and that concerns me."

She said she thinks the TCU

administration should have helped out in some way with the budget, or at least have apologized for the mistake.

Markley said that if this was a situation where SGA had no money to work with, he thinks the administration would have stepped up and helped out, but since SGA still has a good amount of money in their reserve account it was not a large concern.

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**FrogFit costs taking some criticisms**

By Alisha Brown  
STAFF REPORTER

Natalie Houston dropped off her student ID card at the front entrance of the Rickel Building in exchange for a sweat towel and headed down to an aerobics class she never paid for.

Sneaking into FrogFit classes is not difficult for the adamant exerciser, said Houston, a sophomore speech communication major.

The aerobics classes are provided by the Rickel for fees competitive to outside gyms, said Mary Ellen Milam, program director for recreational sports. Membership for one year is \$120, \$75 for one semester and \$35 for classes after Spring Break. The Rickel offers 14 classes throughout the week.

A sticker is placed on a student's ID card, indicating which semesters they have paid for, Milam said. Rickel staff members are supposed to be stationed at the aerobics room entrance to check IDs.

Milam said the towel trick doesn't work anymore because towels are located in the aerobics room, so members don't have to turn in their ID.

But at a step aerobics class at 9 p.m. Wednesday, no door monitor was on duty, and no towels were in the aerobics room.

Aerobics instructor Stephanie Tucker said that since the fall semester, she has never had a staff member check IDs at any of her Sunday, Monday or Wednesday classes.

Milam said the time Tucker's classes are offered makes a difference.

"The classes during the day have someone monitoring there," Milam said. "But it doesn't make sense to pay someone for that shift for an hour when they only check IDs for the first 20 minutes. Our other classes are back-to-back."

Milam said it is the instructor's responsibility to check IDs during those times.

Regardless, some students disagree with being charged for taking the classes. Houston said she thinks the classes should be open to everyone.

When the program began in 1986, TCU officials wanted to ensure the program would fund itself, Milam said.

"We used to have student instructors, which lowered the cost," she said. "But we started to hire outside contractors to come in and teach so we could increase the number and level of classes offered."

Mark Moreno, a fitness counselor for Q The Sports Club, said it offers a monthly membership charge of \$46, which includes participation in all 75 aerobics classes.

But Fit for Life charges \$39 a month for membership and \$50 for 10 cycling classes, salesman Mike Coon said.

Rates at both gyms vary by plan and during promotional sales.

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**THE COST OF LIVING**

**Dining to raise minimum \$200**

New plan in effect next fall

Chrissy Braden  
STAFF REPORTER

Some students are going to be spending less of their food budget at Chili's Grill & Bar and more of it at The Main because of the changing dining plan for next semester, said Roger Fisher, director of residential services.

The minimum dining plan requirement, which all students living on campus must purchase, will increase for some students by at least \$200 next semester.

Fisher said the increase asks students to spend more money on campus, but not more money on food.

"Most students probably spend between \$1,200 and \$1,800 on food each year," he said. "We're not asking them to spend any more than that. We're just asking them to spend more of that money with us."

He said the new dining plan would also keep students who initially buy one of the lower dining plans from having to put more money toward their meal plans during the semester.

This year, students have the option of purchasing a \$400, \$500, \$650 or \$850 meal plan. A minimum of \$400 must be spent each semester before students can be refunded remaining money on their accounts.

Next semester, only residents of the Tom Brown-Pete Wright Residential Community will be offered a minimum dining plan of \$400, according to the Residential Services Web site (www.rlh.tcu.edu).

The site reported that incoming students will have to purchase an \$800 a semester dining plan and continuing students will have to purchase a \$600 or \$800 a semester dining plan.

Fisher said the dining plan change would not affect most students, because they already spend at least \$800 a semester on their dining plans.

Leigh Covert, a sophomore speech communication major, said the new plan is ridiculous.

"It's just another way for (TCU) to get more money out of us," she said. "I don't even use my \$400 minimum right now."

Covert agreed there was a need for a change in dining plans, but in the opposite direction.

"It should be on a need basis," she said. "There shouldn't even be a minimum requirement."

Fisher said most parents would like to have dining plans more than \$800 for freshman.

"Parents want to be sure their freshman son or daughter has plenty of meals," he said. "They want to know that there's enough money there for their kids to be able to eat whenever they want to."

Fisher said the minimum dining plan may increase for upperclassmen after next year.

Unused money on dining plans from the Fall 2001

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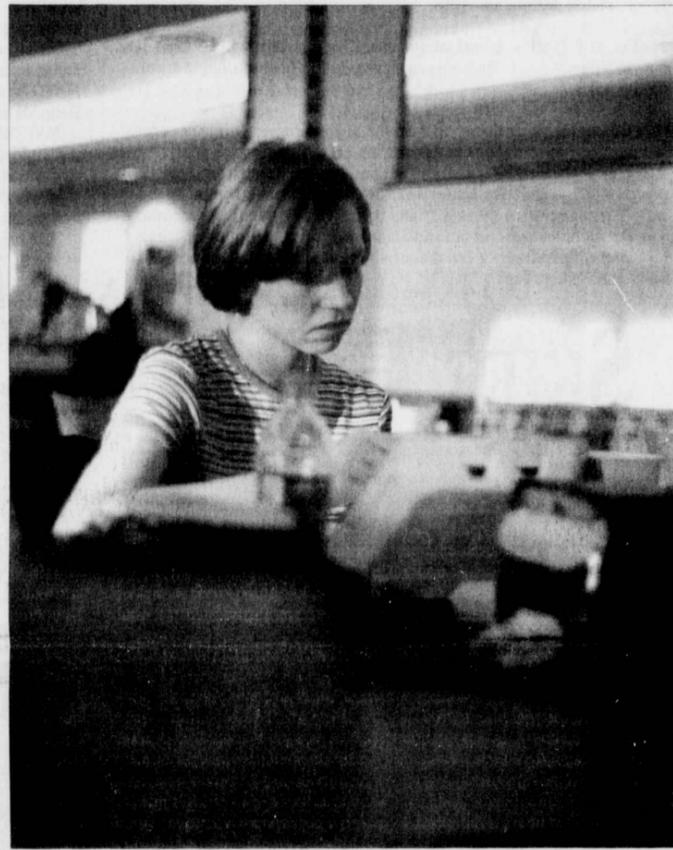
**Current dining plan options**

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Plan II — \$500 + tax  
Plan III — \$650 + tax  
Plan IV — \$850 + tax

**2001-2002 dining plans**

Incoming students — \$800 + tax  
Continuing students — \$600 + tax  
Tom Brown-Pete Wright Residential Community residents — \$400 + tax

Source: Residential Services' handout and the Residential Services Web site (www.rlh.tcu.edu).



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Jennifer Komsthoef, a freshman English major, eats in The Main Thursday. The average meal plan next semester is schedule to increase by at least \$200. Incoming freshman will be expected to purchase \$800 meal plans.

**Digging deeper to pay deposits**

By Chrissy Braden  
STAFF REPORTER

Parents and students have already started digging in their pockets for the fall 2001 semester as they pay TCU's highest housing deposits ever.

Roger Fisher, director of residential services, said the deposit, which is required to make on-campus housing reservations, increased from \$100 to \$250 for the single purpose of getting students' attention.

"We want students to be serious about making a reservation," he said.

Fisher said the \$100 housing deposit has been in place for about 15 years and is no longer enough to deter students from making on-campus housing reservations they don't intend to honor.

"Students blow off \$100," he said. "If 10 students didn't make a reservation because of the increase, then this is good because it's 10 more beds we can fill."

Fisher said the high housing demand requires a housing deposit to eliminate students who aren't serious about living on campus but make reservations. Students who decide to cancel their reservation have until May 1 to get a full refund.

"If there were vacancies all over the place, I'm not even sure I'd ask for a reservation," he said.

Fisher said he surveyed about 15 other schools and found that TCU's former \$100 housing deposit was much lower.

Southern Methodist University

has a \$100 housing deposit, which students pay as incoming freshman, said Susan Hogan, market and assignments coordinator for Residential Life and Student Housing at SMU.

"We're a little bit different than most schools in the fact that our deposit is a true deposit and not a prepayment," Hogan said.

She said SMU students' initial deposits are carried over each year they live on campus. If students do not reapply for on-campus housing, they are automatically refunded the \$100.

Hogan said SMU has a limited housing problem like TCU and has thought about increasing the deposit.

Daniel Kwok, a freshman biology

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**TRAVELING TUNES**



Tim Cox/SKIFF STAFF

Pinwheel drummer Matt O'Connor and bass player Ray Bailey perform Thursday afternoon in front of the Student Center. The band will play in Houston tonight before returning to the South by Southwest music festival in Austin Saturday.

**Fall recruitment talks remain unsolved**

By LaNasha Houze  
STAFF REPORTER

Whether or not to defer fall recruitment continues to be debated, but the parties involved agree the issue is too controversial to deal with right now, said Don Mills, vice chancellor of student affairs.

Instead of recruitment, Mills said that he wants the future fraternity and sorority affairs to be focused on issues with a more grandiose scope.

"As opposed to something clearly divisive, I want to focus on the things that can make a positive impact, such as academics, community service and the values of brotherhood and sisterhood as students move through their college career," Mills said.

Last semester, Mills proposed that the Undergraduate Experience Task Force form a committee to research the impact fall recruitment has on students' academics. However, Mills said the proposal dissolved because of the lack of consensus among members of the Faculty Senate, fraternity and sorority affairs officials and students.

"(The debate) raised more con-

cern than it solved," Mills said.

George Low, a member of the Faculty Senate Student Relations Committee, said the Faculty Senate and the students didn't work well together.

"I do believe they could have worked a little bit better with this to come to a solution," said Low, associate professor of marketing. "They haven't really sat down to work this out."

Low said certain faculty members believe fall recruitment inhibits the academic performance of students since it occurs during the first week of classes.

Fall recruitment for sororities occurs the week before classes begin, while fraternity recruitment takes place during the first week of classes.

Katie Urban, Panhellenic president, said deferred fall recruitment wouldn't solve the presumed academic problems because the women will try to mold themselves to the stereotypical sorority image in order fit in.

"Southern Methodist University and Baylor University, (which have

delayed recruitment), hate it because they were not sure if (the women) were being themselves," Urban said. "We are worried that (the women) will rush for an entire semester if the process is delayed. Now, they get here and go through the process, and don't have time to learn the stereotypes."

Low said another reason fall recruitment should be delayed is to allow students to become adjusted to college academics as opposed to the social aspect of the Greek community.

"(Faculty Senate members) see the value of the Greek system," Low said. "We want (Greek recruitment) to work in a way where students are getting the most from their academic experience."

Urban said no problems existed due to the high academic achievements of the Greek community.

"We are trying to take Panhellenic to the next level," Urban said. "There aren't enough problems to see a change. Basically, if the system isn't broken don't fix it."

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**PULSE**

campus lines

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► **TCU London Centre applications for the fall 2001 semester** are due today. Applications are available in the Office of International Education, Sadler Hall, Room 16.

► **Neeley Associate applications** are available in the Neeley Student Resource Center, Dan Rogers Hall, Room 130. You must have at least junior standing and a 3.0 cumulative GPA. The application deadline is by 5 p.m. today.

► **The Seventh Annual Women's Symposium** will be March 27 to 29. A Women and Community Dinner will be at 6:30 March 27 in the Student Center Ballroom. Candace O'Keefe from the Women's Museum in Dallas will be the keynote speaker and an art exhibit by Adriana Martinez de Audriac will be on display. The cost is \$12 for students and \$15 for everyone else. Holly Near, a partner in establishing the Women's Music Movement in the 1970s, will have a concert at 8 p.m. March 28 in the PepsiCo Recital Hall. Tickets are \$15 for TCU students, faculty and staff and \$18 for everyone else. A trip to the Women's Museum in Dallas will be on March 29. Those wanting to go can meet in front of the Student Center at 1:15 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for students and \$10 for everyone else. For reservations for any of the events or for more information call (817) 257-7855.

► **The 24th Annual TCU Jazz Festival** will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 31 in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. The festival will feature high school bands. Admission is free.

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**WORLD DIGEST**



**Guerillas, police continue fighting in Macedonia**

TETOVO, Macedonia — Police and ethnic Albanian guerrillas clashed outside Macedonia's second-largest city for a second day Thursday as the government tried to curtail an insurgency that spread from the countryside toward urban areas.



Macedonian police reported clashes with the extremists early Thursday on the slopes of Mount Sar Planina, north of Tetovo. Machine-gun and mortar fire could be heard from three villages throughout the morning, and smoke was seen rising from a hill.

Two ethnic Albanian civilians were wounded by stray bullets near Tetovo, the Macedonian state radio reported.

Police sources who insisted on anonymity told The Associated Press that fighting Thursday moved closer to Skopje, engulfing the northern Macedonian village of Lipkovo, 12 miles northeast of the capital. Detonations and machine-gun fire could be heard at midmorning, the sources said.

There were long lines at gas stations in Tetovo as mostly Slavic residents began to flee the predominantly ethnic Albanian town of 80,000. Shops remained closed Thursday and most residents stayed indoors. Macedonian forces also fought rebels outside the border villages of Malino Malo and Brest.

Southern Serbia remained edgy but calm early Thursday, a day after Yugoslav troops moved into an area held by ethnic Albanian insurgents. A NATO-brokered cease-fire between the rebels and Belgrade appeared to be holding.

NATO allowed the Yugoslav troops to deploy in the 10-square-mile area near the boundaries with Kosovo and Macedonia to stem the guerrillas' insurgency there and the movement of weapons and fighters into Macedonia.

The successful deployment was overshadowed by the fighting in Macedonia.

Police spokesman Stevo Pendarovski said the clashes Wednesday began when about 15 rebels opened fire at police in Kale, a suburb of Tetovo a mile north of downtown, and in the nearby village of Selce.

"The situation is exceptionally serious," Pendarovski said.

One person was killed Wednesday, Prime Minister Ljubco Georgievski said. Raim Thaci, director of Tetovo hospital, said at least 14 people were wounded, including 11 policemen.

Georgievski said that on Thursday the authorities will discuss the introduction of a nationwide state of emergency because of the deteriorating security situation. The measure would mean sealing of Macedonia's borders, general army and police mo-

bilization, ban of public gatherings and movements of larger groups of people and partial curfew.

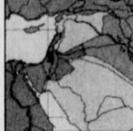
Ethnic Albanians account for at least a quarter of Macedonia's 2 million people, dominating western regions of the country and a large section of the capital.

Until Wednesday, rebel activity had been limited to villages on the northern border with the Serb province of Kosovo. Government troops had hoped to keep the fighting away from urban areas.

President Boris Trajkovski convened a meeting with senior military officials ahead of emergency talks with the ambassadors of NATO and European Union countries. He said there will be no negotiations with "the terrorists," and pledged to "determinably protect territorial integrity and sovereignty" of the country.

**Israel eases travel restrictions on West Bank**

JERUSALEM — Israel began easing travel restrictions in the Palestinian areas Thursday, opening several roadblocks in the West Bank, allowing more cargo trucks into the Gaza Strip and letting Palestinian fishermen return to work.



However, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's government decided that Palestinians will continue to be barred from Israel, as they have been for the past six months of Israeli-Palestinian fighting.

In the West Bank town of Hebron, Israeli soldiers threw a stun grenade into a schoolyard during recess, slightly injuring seven children who were treated for burns and shock. The army had no comment but witnesses said that stones had been thrown from the school.

Also Thursday, the body of a 17-year-old Palestinian was found in an orange grove near the West Bank town of Qalqiliya with a gunshot wound to the head. Residents said the teen-ager had apparently been shot by Israeli troops dispersing stone-throwers in the area Wednesday night. The army said it fired only rubber-coated steel bullets in the clash.

Since violence erupted Sept. 28, following a visit by then-opposition leader Ariel Sharon to a disputed holy site in the Old City of Jerusalem, 427 people have been killed.

In traditionally Arab east Jerusalem, Palestinians observed a general strike to protest Israeli travel restrictions. Israel's ban on West Bankers visiting Jerusalem, as part of its overall closure, has hurt the economy of the city's eastern sector.

In east Jerusalem's walled Old City, stores were shuttered and streets deserted, except for a few European tourists.

At an Israeli checkpoint south of the West Bank town of Ramallah, traffic flowed relatively smoothly Thursday, following several days of massive tie-ups

that had backed up for miles and motorists waiting for hours at a time.

The easing of restrictions came after Wednesday night's meeting of the Israeli Security Cabinet, a group of 13 ministers monitoring the Palestinian areas. It was the Security Cabinet's first session since Sharon took office earlier this month.

The Cabinet decided that blockades of Palestinian towns would be lifted in quiet areas.

At the Karmi crossing between Israel and the Gaza Strip, trucks carrying cement and other raw materials were allowed through for the first time in weeks. Until now, only vehicles loaded with food and medicine had been permitted to reach Gaza.

**Russian airplane hijacked by Chechen rebels**

ISTANBUL, Turkey — Two men wielding knives and identifying themselves as Chechens hijacked a Russian plane carrying 174 people from Istanbul's airport on Thursday, sending the aircraft on a terrifying plunge before pilots stabilized it.

The plane landed hours later at an airport in Medina, in western Saudi Arabia, according to Saudi and Turkish authorities.

In Medina, the plane was surrounded by security forces and was parked away from the main traffic at the airport, which was packed with Muslim pilgrims returning home after the annual hajj pilgrimage, said Abdul Fatah Mohammad Atta, the airport manager, who spoke by telephone with The Associated Press in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

The plane, a TU-154 from Vnukovo Airlines, took off at 1:30 p.m. (6:30 a.m. EST) from Istanbul's Ataturk International airport. The two hijackers took over 30 minutes later, Turkey's Anatolia news agency reported.

Turkish Transport Minister Enis Oksuz said the hijackers were armed with knives and claimed to have a bomb. He said the plane plunged 1,300 feet during a fight between the hijackers and a passenger at the entrance to the cockpit and that the passenger was injured.

There were 162 passengers and 12 crew members on board the plane, which had been on a scheduled flight to Moscow.

The hijackers identified themselves as Chechen rebels.

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## Editorial

### PLAYING CATCH UP

#### Same-sex benefits should be installed

Southern Methodist University will join more than 150 universities Jan. 1, 2002, to extend medical benefits and reduced tuition to the same-sex partners of its employees.

The list of universities with similar policies currently includes schools, such as Duke University, Wake Forest University and Rice University.

Absent from the list is TCU.

TCU, under the leadership of Chancellor Michael Ferrari, has committed itself to rising above the competition and strengthening its reputation as a university.

With new building projects, an endowment in excess of \$940 million and reaccreditation in the near future, TCU is well on its way to achieving its goals — goals made possible by the dedicated 1,300 faculty and staff members that keep the university running smoothly.

But where in the future are the benefits for same-sex couples?

TCU has missed a golden opportunity to increase its appeal to talented individuals from around the nation who could help bring TCU to the next level.

Chancellor Ferrari said this week that granting benefits to gay employees' partners shouldn't be ruled out, but he also said that a proposal can't be initiated directly by him. Instead, it must go through the normal process, including review by the Faculty Senate, Staff Assembly and the Student Government Association, he said.

It's time for TCU to become a trendsetter.

TCU hasn't been afraid of change in the past, so there is no reason to approach equal benefits for its gay employees with trepidation.

It wasn't so long ago in this country that other minorities were the victims of discrimination in the workplace. It took great strides and social movements to correct the situations and major companies and institutions have been apologizing ever since.

Gays are the individuals who are now being discriminated against. It's time TCU recognizes that discrimination and does something about it, so they won't be the ones left apologizing years into the future.

### Homosexuals need equal rights

#### Homophobic attitude hinders progress in gaining social equality

With the writing of the Constitution, America was established as the land of the free, where "all men are created equal under God." While being free hasn't always been a common theme for all Americans, today we live in a multiethnic, multicultural society where most citizens enjoy equal rights. However, America is not the land of the free for some of its citizens.

Guest Columnist

ALEX JOHNSON

Since it became an issue in the 1980s, equal rights for homosexuals has often times fallen on deaf ears in mainstream society. Americans discriminate against homosexual couples so much that it draws comparisons to "separate but equal" and the struggles of African Americans in the early 20th century.

This issue begs one question: Why? Why don't homosexuals have equal rights like the rest of Americans do?

The traditional response to this question is twofold. The largest arguments against gay rights are rooted in religion. While the United States grants freedom of religion under law, the majority of religious practices in America preach against homosexual unions. The Bible, in several passages, condemns those who engage in sexual practices with the same sex.

Americans with strong religious backgrounds see homosexuals as ungodly and as sinners of the worst kind. In my hometown of Topeka, Kan., we have heavy persecution of homosexuals by religious organizations. One church, under the direction of Rev. Fred Phelps, has gained Topeka national exposure for its aggressive picketing of churches and businesses that house homosexual members. Phelps has even picketed funerals of homosexuals, most notably in Wyoming, where a gay teenager was beat to death in 1998 for his sexual orientation.

That brings me to my second argument: the overall homophobic attitude of Americans. Everyday, I hear my friends spout out claims of not being gay, or how sick being gay is. This reflects the basic

attitude of Americans: People fear what they do not understand, and most Americans don't accept and even fear homosexuals.

There has been a drastic increase in hate crimes in the last five years against gays, especially in the Midwest and the South. Homosexuals are afraid to reveal their sexual preference because of the persecution and the prejudice they would face for their choice. As long as being gay remains mostly unacceptable and even dangerous, homosexuals are not "free and equal" in American mainstream society.

But for the massive persecution that homosexuals endure, there is light at the end of the tunnel. In some areas of the country, the gay rights movement has not fallen on deaf ears. Vermont is the largest example of the gay rights movement picking up steam. Vermont has recently passed a law, allowing "civil unions" of gay couples.

This legislation is huge, because no other state, save Hawaii, has made such a drastic movement to recognize homosexuals. Insurance companies have made steps to make sure gay couples

get the same protection as other married couples. Most colleges have stopped discriminating against sexual orientation in their admission processes, with the largest step being conservative Southern Methodist University instituting benefits for gay couples. These steps, while minor, could lead to a broader cultural acceptance for homosexuals in the 21st century.

If America is truly the land of the free, then homosexuals should have equal rights with all Americans. But with a conservative-laden government and a general homophobic attitude in mainstream society, these rights are in a distant future.

But this is America, and the only question is, why not? Should "separate but equal" be our new policy toward a new group of minorities? Even though gay liberation has a lot to overcome, this is America, and anything can happen.

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### Garage won't solve parking problem

#### Shuttle system from stadium parking is a more cost effective solution

If there is one issue that my friends continually bug me to write about, it has to be TCU's parking situation. I too must agree with nearly everyone else that it's quite disgusting how hard it is to find a parking spot on campus sometimes. However, the commonly proposed solution by students and staff for the university to build a parking garage is simply not the right choice.



Davis

First off, what a lot of people do not realize about a parking garage is that TCU typi-

cally starts off major construction projects after finding a backer that is willing to provide a significant amount of funding. Normally, when someone is willing to donate several million dollars, they would like to see their name on the structure. As such, even though a parking garage may solve a major problem facing the university, TCU is hard-pressed to find a donor that is going to put forth that much money and have their name affixed to a parking garage. To put things in perspective, would you rather have your name on a new technology center or a parking garage? For most people, the former choice is the more glamorous or prestigious se-

lection. Nevertheless, let's assume for a moment that TCU actually found a sponsor and built a parking garage. Such a situation would immediately raise a flag by the TCU Police as they would recognize the need for increased patrols and general security in the facility. Parking garages typically have plenty of nooks and crannies for would-be muggers and rapists to hide in. Therefore, the overall cost of the garage would increase so that students could feel safe in using it.

Instead of a parking garage, a much more workable solution that very few people have thought about would be to run a shuttle service from the Stadium parking lot that go virtually unused nearly everyday. Instead of making new parking spaces, why not just more effectively utilize the ones already in existence?

This plan should only cost a few hundred thousand dollars a year, vs. the couple million that would need to be raised over a period of years for a parking garage. The

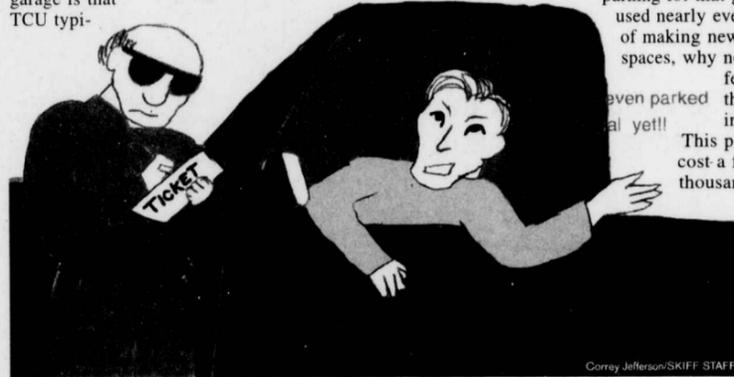
service could work much like the way the current campus busing system operates. Basically, students could park over by the Stadium each morning, and every five or 10 minutes a bus could come by to pick them up and drop them off on Main Campus.

Then again, the only pitfall facing this solution and any others is that TCU loses a substantial amount of money in parking tickets issued to students for parking illegally on campus.

While students should remain idealistic that TCU would forgo extra revenue over convenience, the truth is that any parking solution falls on deaf ears when it is easier to continue to make money off the problem rather than fix it. I am quite sure that parking tickets increased since last fall after students were denied more of the 6,168 available spaces on campus when parking in front of Frog Fountain was designated faculty and staff only.

The only hope that we, the students, can have in getting a shuttle service established is if we urge our representatives in the SGA to voice our support of this idea. Until we do this in a collected effort, good luck on finding a space.

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### Letter to the editor

#### University needs to stop being cheap and raise scholarships

Since the beginning of my TCU education, I have been very impressed with the level of academics, small teacher-to-student ratio and the steps TCU has taken to make its students feel comfortable. However, I haven't been impressed with the ever-rising price of tuition. I agree that economic changes force all prices to go up occasionally, but with the rate of tuition increases at TCU, many middle-class students will no longer be able to consider TCU as a choice. Although the stereotypical TCU student is viewed as rich, carefree and drives a Mercedes on Daddy's money, this is simply not true. The majority of TCU students are on financial aid, working part time or full time and from middle-class families.

I am even more bothered by the

fact that scholarships are not being increased to accommodate the tuition rise. Upper-class students have seen their scholarships pay for less and less each semester. In fact, my TCU Scholars scholarship will not even cover one three-hour class next fall.

It's a shame that TCU is being so ridiculously cheap. Scholarship recipients have worked hard to receive these awards and must work extremely hard to maintain the required GPA to continue receiving these scholarships each year. The least TCU can do is to raise scholarships proportionate to tuition.

I have dreamed of my children someday attending TCU just as I did, but if tuition continues to rise in this fashion, I had better start buying more lotto tickets.

— Sharon Woodruff  
sophomore nutrition major

### Rights violated by corporate globalization

#### International commerce negatively impacts working class, unbeknownst to the public

Former Treasury Secretary and soon-to-be Harvard President Lawrence Summers said an interesting thing the other day: "The U.S. economy is healthy in precisely the sense that a person can be healthy. For a person to be healthy does not mean that they are immortal. For a person to be fundamentally healthy means that they do not yet know what they are going to die of."

This is a truly original formulation. If Summers was right, then the economy would only get "sick" well after it went into downturn, because economists usually don't figure out why the market tanked until it's good and tanked — if even then. I'm glad at some point turned off to a career in medicine.

The intellectual lights of economic orthodoxy have in particular been burning their bulbs at the recently developed revolt against globalization, which exploded onto the international scene with the 1994 Zapatista revolt and reached its highest American point so far in the Seattle demonstrations of late 1999. When labor opposed the North American Free

Trade Agreement, the economists explained that it was just spoiled unionists who didn't care about people in the Third World. When Third World peasants in Chiapas rose up to fight the exploitation that NAFTA and the Mexican government had imposed on them, the economists explained that it was backward peasants who weren't educated enough to know what was good for them. When students caught on to what the Zapatistas were doing and said that it was right, the economists explained that it was just a bunch of hippie college kids who were out of touch with working people anyway.

And when it all came together in Seattle, the economists realized that the time for talk was over. Instead, the time for clubbing heads had come, and they quietly deferred to the police.

The truth is that NAFTA failed to deliver on any of the important promises it made to working people. Even NAFTA supporters say that the treaty cost the United States 150,000 jobs, with pro-labor economists putting the figure at 420,000. As income levels for most Americans stagnated or de-

clined, work hours and personal indebtedness shot skyward. At the same time, Mexican workers were super-exploited, and terrible environmental damage wreaked along the United States-Mexico border. Ordinary Americans discovered the truth behind the NAFTA swindle. So in 1993 Al Gore, the "environmental" vice president from the "liberal" party, could play public avatar for NAFTA, but in 2000 he didn't say a word about the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA).

You see, corporate "globalization" has actually meant severe regionalization. National capitals, which are highly connected by political, legal and economic bonds to national states, compete and maneuver for the hegemony of their nation over the bloc. The dynamics of this contest have created a "global" market that is radically dominated by the main imperialist powers: 75 percent of global trade takes place between the developed countries — a figure which has increased from 63 percent in 1960. So-called globalization has therefore left out significant parts of the globe. For instance, sub-Saharan Africa, with

20 percent of the world's population, accounts for only 3 percent of world trade and 1 percent of world production.

The FTAA is more of the same. The American ruling class wants it so it can continue to exploit workers to the hilt, push around Latin America and squabble more effectively with Europe. It offers less than nothing to anyone who doesn't have a good draught of blue blood lolling about in their veins, and since it has been kept completely secret it is immune from democratic debate. Fortunately, activists from around the world are getting the word out about this new attack on working people.

We are seeing the return of the Seattle Coalition, the united front of students, workers and environmentalists that irrevocably wounded the WTO. We will soon prove in practice that the internationalism of ordinary people can defeat the "globalization" of the corporate tycoons.

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semester will be carried over to the Spring 2002 semester. But all unused money less than the minimum on the plans is nonrefundable after the spring semester.

Fisher said the school has received about \$5 million for dining plans each year.

"There's a really small percentage that we get from students who haven't used their minimum," he said. "And we give very little back because the majority of students spend at least \$800 a semester."

Fisher did not have an exact figure of how much the university keeps from money not used on dining plans, but he said that it went toward general university fees.

"It goes to what I call the black hole," he said. "That money goes toward paying for things like the Student Center renovation."

To avoid this donation to the black hole and use their new dining plans, students will have to eat more on campus next semester and reserve Chili's Bar & Grill for special occasions, like university holidays.

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**Residence hall rates rise**

Increase of 12 percent set for fall 2001 housing

By Chrissy Braden  
STAFF REPORTER

Residence hall rate increases of about 12 percent for next semester were approved by the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees two weeks ago, said Carol Campbell, vice chancellor for finance and business.

Roger Fisher, director of residential services, said the increase was necessary to pay for residence hall renovations and high utility costs.

"Utility costs are sky high," Fisher said. "No one plans on something like that going nuts, and we have to cover the costs."

Fisher said part of the additional residence hall fees will also help

pay the \$65 million bill the university has from building or remodeling facilities, such as Tom Brown-Pete Wright Residential Community, Foster Hall, Waits Hall, Wiggins Hall, Brachman Hall and fraternity and sorority residence halls.

Leslie Woolldridge, a freshman psychology and social work major, said she wished housing prices had stayed the same.

"I didn't realize it was such a big increase this year," she said. "It makes me think a little bit differently about on-campus housing."

This year residence hall rooms in Worth Hills cost \$1,680 but will cost \$1,890 next semester. Jarvis Hall,

Milton Daniel Hall and Clark Hall cost \$1,495 this year but will cost \$1,685 next semester.

According to a Feb. 1 issue of the Skiff, housing fees increased an average of 7 percent last year.

Fisher said this year's increase was much higher than past increases, because the university waited as long as it could to pass increased costs to students.

"We've kept rates as low as possible, so students could still afford to come to TCU," he said. "We waited until we got the majority done, so students could understand what they were paying for. We've got some of the nicest residence halls there are right now."

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major, said that because the new housing deposit was so high, he had to call home to have the money sent to him.

"If I want to live on campus for four years, this is a problem,"

Kwok said.

A housing deposit waiver is available to cover the cost for students who can't afford the housing deposit before reserving a room.

Fisher said the waiver postpones the payment deadline for the housing deposit, which is added to future bills.

However, Fisher said that despite

the increase in the housing deposit and complaints about it, there has not been an increase in requests for housing waivers.

"We usually only get two to three waiver requests a year, and that's all that we've had this year" he said.

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**Astronauts repack cargo for return trip**

By Marcia Dunn  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Like vacationers trying to stuff everything back into their suitcases for the trip home, astronauts and cosmonauts had trouble Thursday reloading a cargo carrier parked at the international space station.

NASA offered to give them an extra day in space to finish the job.

"Take your time," urged Mission Control. "It's very easy for us to do an extra day on orbit. ... You all think about it."

Discovery is supposed to undock from space station Alpha on Saturday and return to Earth on Tuesday, bringing back not only space station trash but the three men who lived aboard the orbiting complex for four months.

The shuttle delivered a new crew to the space station as well as 5 tons of gear stuffed in an Italian-built cargo carrier called Leonardo.

The 10 spacefarers unloaded the supplies from Leonardo faster than expected.

Refilling it with more than a ton

of trash and unnecessary equipment was another matter. They could not just throw things in; everything had to be stored in a rack or bag, or tied down, to prevent items from banging around during the bumpy plunge through the atmosphere.

"It's going slowly," reported Andrew Thomas, the astronaut in charge of packing.

Because of the limited storage aboard space station Alpha, its three new residents wanted to get rid of as much junk as possible. Included in the garbage: dirty clothes, packing foam and six large aluminum plates that had been used to hold down cables in the laboratory.

The packing kept the two crews up long past their bedtime, prompting a gentle scolding from Mission Control: "It's time to go to bed." Then, several minutes later: "You DO need to get to bed."

NASA flight director John Shannon was struck by the vastness of Leonardo. "It really brings home the fact that this is the largest space station ever put in Earth orbit," he said.

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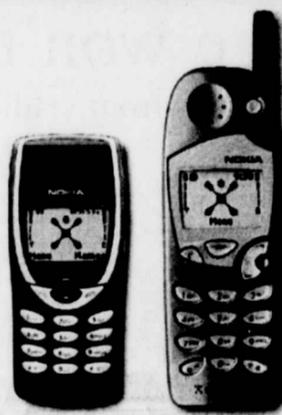
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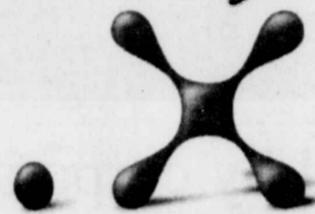
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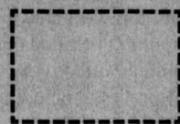
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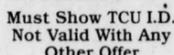
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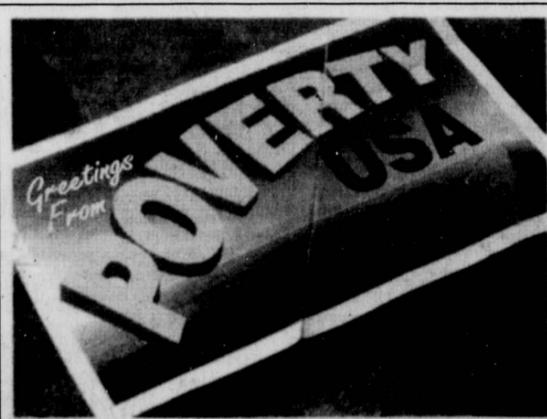
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## THE PREDICTIONS ARE IN

The 73rd annual Academy Awards also known as the Oscars will be held in Los Angeles at 8 p.m. March 25 on ABC (Channel 8). The annual awards gala recognizes the best in film making for the previous year's movies. The Roman epic "Gladiator" leads the pack with 12 nominations and the Taiwanese action-adventure "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" earned 10. The other major nominees include "Erin Brockovich," "Traffic" and "Chocolat" with five nominations each. The nominees along with our predictions for the major awards follow:

### His by David Reese

#### Best Picture

"Chocolat"  
"Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon"  
"Erin Brockovich"  
"Gladiator"  
"Traffic"

**Should win:** "Traffic"  
**Will win:** "Gladiator"

I think it is the first time in many years that there is a true horse race for the best picture category. The nomination of "Chocolat" in this category has confused many reviewers, including me. I think the nomination is reward enough for the enchanting tale of love and chocolate. I eliminate "Erin Brockovich," because I think it will be recognized in other categories. "Traffic" is the most deserving film in the bunch, but I think its edgier subject matter will frighten the older voting members. I think the award will come down to "Gladiator" and "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon." The Roman epic is a typical Academy Award-winning film like many past winners, including "Ben-Hur" and "Braveheart." All critics have hailed "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," but it is a foreign film and I think that may hurt the film's chances. Although I do not believe it is the best film in this category, I think "Gladiator" will slaughter the competition.

#### Best Director

Stephen Daldry "Billy Elliot"  
Ang Lee "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon"  
Ridley Scott "Gladiator"  
Steven Soderbergh "Erin Brockovich"  
Steven Soderbergh "Traffic"

**Should win:** Steven Soderbergh "Traffic"  
**Will win:** Ang Lee "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon"

I have to begin by stating that I think this award should be given to Soderbergh hands down. Any person who directs two dynamic films in one year should win, but that may be the problem. The voters will have a tough time deciding which Soderbergh film to reward, so it will probably split his chances. I think Daldry should be happy for the nomination, because he has no chance whatsoever. In the last 20 years, there has only been three times that the Best Picture and Director were not representing the same film. I think this year will mark the fourth. Although Scott is admired, and "Gladiator" is a visually stimulating film, Lee from "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" will win the award. Recently, Lee won the Director's Guild of America's best directing award which 48 out of 52 years has predicted the Oscar winner. I think voters will feel they need to recognize this film in other ways than the technical categories and awarding the mastermind behind the film will suit them.

#### Best Actor

Javier Bardem "Before Night Falls"  
Russell Crowe "Gladiator"  
Tom Hanks "Cast Away"  
Ed Harris "Pollock"  
Geoffrey Rush "Quills"

**Should win:** Tom Hanks "Cast Away"

**Will win:** Too close to call, either Hanks or Crowe  
This is one of the hardest categories to predict. I think Rush is a fine actor but he is out because he won four years ago for a better performance in "Shine." Bardem was a refreshing surprise and although he probably would win this award in other circles, he is in a foreign film and the Academy recognized Roberto Benigni two years ago for a foreign language role. Harris of "Pollock" is an Academy favorite who has never won. Plus, Harris directed the film, which might help his chances. I wouldn't dismiss Harris from the race, but I think it comes down to Hanks in "Cast Away" and Crowe in "Gladiator." Crowe should of won last year for "The Insider," and this may be his pay back. The negative on Crowe is that he was seen as the reason for the breakup of the long-time Hollywood marriage of Meg Ryan and Dennis Quaid. I believe Hanks should win the award, because he is a terrific actor and he carried the entire film. The only negative is that Hanks has won twice within the last decade. No other actor has won three best lead acting awards ever, but I feel eventually, they will have to and Hanks should be the one.

#### Best Actress

Joan Allen "The Contender"  
Juliette Binoche "Chocolat"  
Ellen Burstyn "Requiem for a Dream"  
Laura Linney "You Can Count on Me"  
Julia Roberts "Erin Brockovich"

**Should win:** Julia Roberts "Erin Brockovich"

**Will win:** Julia Roberts "Erin Brockovich"  
There is no doubt that Roberts is the front runner for this award and she should be. Roberts should have

won 11 years ago when she was nominated for best supporting actress in "Steel Magnolias." Instead the Academy chose Brenda Fricker from "My Left Foot." Over a decade later, Roberts is the highest-paid actress in history and one of the biggest movie stars in the world. Fricker was last seen in "Angels in the Outfield" about five years ago. Many times, the Academy likes to pull a fast one and pick some off-the-wall person and snub the front runner. I would not be surprised if they gave the award to veteran actress, Burstyn, for all of the years of good performances. It is unfair to think that they would do that but it is possible. My bet is still on Roberts, because she has already won the Golden Globe and Screen Actors Guild awards for the performance of her career.

#### Best Supporting Actor

Jeff Bridges "The Contender"  
Willem Dafoe "Shadow of a Vampire"  
Benicio Del Toro "Traffic"  
Albert Finney "Erin Brockovich"  
Joaquin Phoenix "Gladiator"

**Should win:** Benicio Del Toro "Traffic"

**Will win:** Benicio Del Toro "Traffic"

First, I will eliminate Dafoe because the film was not seen by anyone, along with the fact that the Academy already gave Martin Landau this award a few years ago for playing a similarly creepy character in "Ed Wood." I think Phoenix is a talented actor, and I do believe he will eventually win an Oscar but not for this role. The Academy always seems to be playing catch up with actors who deserved it for other films but did not win. The best supporting actor and actress categories have been famous for these types of pay backs, -like Michael Caine, James Coburn, Judi Dench and Robin Williams in recent years. This year has two possible candidates, including Bridges and Finney. Bridges has had three previous nominations with no wins, while Finney has had four previous nominations with no wins. Finney is the more likely candidate because his film was more widely seen. But putting aside the sentimental choices, I think the Academy will recognize Del Toro for his role as a Tijuana cop in "Traffic." He was absolutely brilliant in this film. Del Toro is Puerto Rican, so he had to learn a different dialect for his Spanish speaking parts. Plus, the Academy will feel they need to award someone from the terrific ensemble cast of "Traffic" and he will be the one.

#### Best Supporting Actress

Judi Dench "Chocolat"  
Marcia Gay Harden "Pollock"  
Kate Hudson "Almost Famous"  
Frances McDormand "Almost Famous"  
Julie Walters "Billy Elliot"

**Should win:** Frances McDormand "Almost Famous"

**Will win:** Kate Hudson "Almost Famous"

The best supporting actress category has always proven to be the strangest and usually the dark horses tend to win. For example, no one in recent memory will forget the two biggest upsets in the last decade. First, Marisa Tomei in "My Cousin Vinny" stunned the audience when she won, especially since she hadn't been nominated in any pre-Oscar awards. The second came the very next year when 10-year-old Anna Paquin, "The Piano," defeated Winona Ryder and Emma Thompson. At the moment, I think any of these actresses have a chance, but Hudson is leading the pack. Hudson is the daughter of Goldie Hawn and the step-daughter of Kurt Russell. The children of Hollywood legends have always had good luck at the Oscars, including Angelina Jolie, Liza Minnelli, Mira Sorvino, Anjelica Huston and Jane Fonda. McDormand should win this award, but she won for " Fargo" four years ago, and Dench won two years ago. The big surprise could come from Walters of "Billy Elliot" for a long respected career.

#### Best Picture

"Chocolat"  
"Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon"  
"Erin Brockovich"  
"Gladiator"  
"Traffic"

**Should win:** "Traffic"  
**Will win:** "Gladiator"

There should be no question whether or not "Traffic" will win best picture, but leave it to the Academy to completely rob Steven Soderbergh on Oscar night. Despite the overall greatness of this film about drug trafficking, I have a feeling the Russell Crowe epic will receive the thumbs up. "Gladiator" has had much more hype and popularity with movie-goers because of its dynamic special effects, outstanding screenplay and beautiful actors and actresses. "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" is unquestionably one of the best in this category, but it will be another "Life is Beautiful," securing the best foreign film Oscar but not the one for best picture. As for the other two films in this category, they shouldn't even be here.

#### Best

##### Cinematography

Peter Pau, "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon"  
John Mathieson, "Gladiator"  
Lajos Koltai, "Malena"  
Roger Deakins, "O Brother, Where Art Thou?"  
Caleb Deschanel, "The Patriot"

**Should win:** John Mathieson, "Gladiator" or Peter Pau, "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon"

**Will win:** John Mathieson, "Gladiator"

Although I would like to say "Traffic" would win for best cinematography, it was wrongfully left out of this category. So I have to go with second best. The camera work on both "Gladiator" and "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" was far beyond outstanding. There was never a moment in either of these films when I did not feel as if I was with the character fighting tigers or flying through the trees. In a word, the cinematography in both films was beautiful. I think "Gladiator" will take the gold simply because I think the Academy will be hesitant to pick a foreign film over an American-made epic.

#### Best

##### Director

Stephen Daldry "Billy Elliot"  
Ang Lee "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon"  
Ridley Scott "Gladiator"  
Steven Soderbergh "Erin Brockovich"

**Should win:** "Traffic"

#### Best Picture

"Chocolat"  
"Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon"  
"Erin Brockovich"  
"Gladiator"  
"Traffic"

**Should win:** Steven Soderbergh "Traffic" or Ang Lee "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon"

The winner in this category shouldn't even be in question. Steven Soderbergh was undoubtedly the man of the year, and it's easy to see that "Traffic" is a much better film than "Erin Brockovich." The fact that members of the Academy have to choose between his two films, however, is what may be detrimental to Soderbergh's chances. So as easy as it is to say that this fabulous director should get what he deserves, it is still just a little hard for me to predict him as the winner. Ang Lee, with his outstanding work on "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," should be the one to replace Soderbergh if he walks away empty handed. And like I said before, I have a feeling the Academy will rob Soderbergh on Oscar night.

#### Best Actor

Javier Bardem "Before Night Falls"  
Russell Crowe "Gladiator"  
Tom Hanks "Cast Away"  
Ed Harris "Pollock"  
Geoffrey Rush "Quills"

**Should win:** Russell Crowe "Gladiator"

**Will win:** Russell Crowe "Gladiator"

If members of the Academy have any sense still left within them, they will not pick Hanks as best actor this year. Yes, I think Hanks did a fantastic job in "Cast Away," but I think it's pretty evident by now that he is a good actor ... he doesn't need a third Oscar to prove it. Plus, Crowe's acting was extraordinary in "Gladiator," and Hanks was not nearly as memorable as Crowe last year. I think the Academy will have trouble picking between the two, but I have some faith that they will go with the better man. Besides that, I would hate to see Crowe get cheated out of a best actor Oscar for the second year in a row ... it's about time he got just rewards. As for Rush, he was outstanding in "Quills," but I have no expectations that the Academy would pick him over the other blockbuster actors.

#### Best Supporting Actor

Jeff Bridges "The Contender"  
Willem Dafoe "Shadow of a Vampire"  
Benicio Del Toro "Traffic"  
Albert Finney "Erin Brockovich"  
Joaquin Phoenix "Gladiator"

**Should win:** Benicio Del Toro "Traffic"

**Will win:** Benicio Del Toro "Traffic"

Nobody can deny how awesome Benicio Del Toro was in "Traffic." Not to mention, the guy is good in everything he has ever done. The part that makes me like Del Toro the most in "Traffic" is the fact that even though I was so in tune with the camera work, screenplay and editing, he still blew me away with his subtle greatness. His accent was right on, and his demeanor was perfect for his role in the film. The only person I think could compete with Del Toro in this category is Phoenix, another actor who has rarely let me down in his acting performances. His character was so emotional, and he had just about every possible mood swing in "Gladiator." He was the perfect villain in a nearly perfect film. But he still has nothing next to the suave Del Toro.

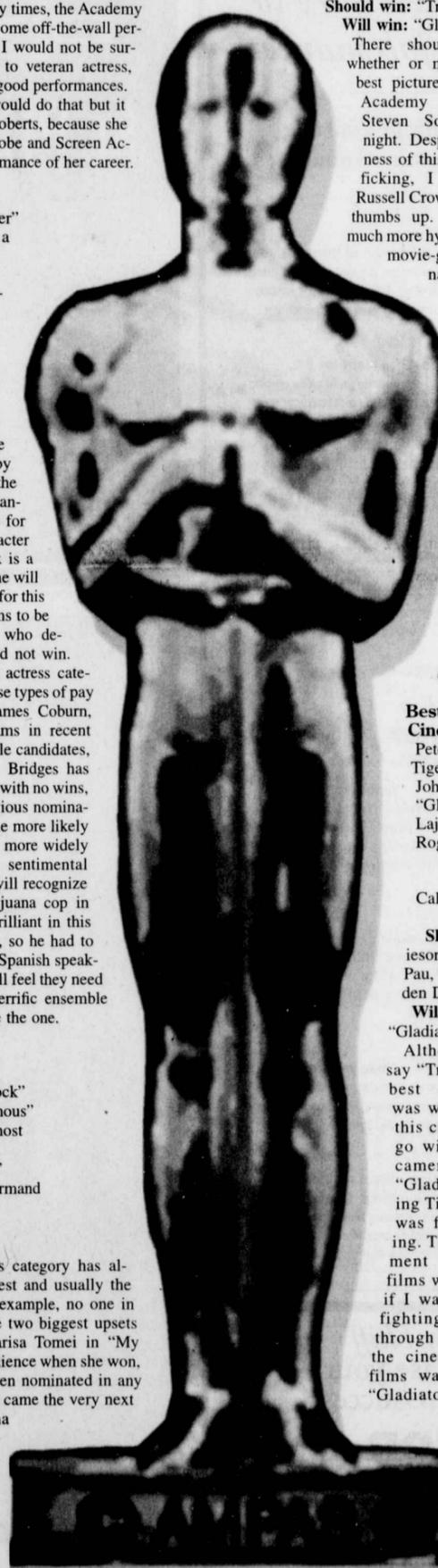
#### Best Original Song

"A Fool in Love," music and lyrics by Randy Newman  
"Meet the Parents"/"I've Seen it All," music by Bjork, lyrics by Lars von Trier and Sjon Sigurdsson  
"Dancer in the Dark"/"A Love Before Time," music by Jorge Calandrelli and Tan Dun, lyrics by James Schamus  
"Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon"/"My Funny Friend and Me," music by Sting and David Hartley, lyrics by Sting  
"The Emperor's New Groove"/"Things Have Changed," music and lyrics by Bob Dylan, "Wonder Boys"

**Should win:** "Things Have Changed," music and lyrics by Bob Dylan, "Wonder Boys"

**Will win:** "Things Have Changed," music and lyrics by Bob Dylan, "Wonder Boys"

I admit the competition is a little tough, but not nearly enough to keep Dylan from taking stage with his new Oscar on March 25. This is one of the categories I am most anxious about, because I think Dylan's song was one of the best I heard all year. The lyrics go so perfectly with the mood of "Wonder Boys," and of course, the music is as catchy as ever. I also like Sting's song for "The Emperor's New Groove," but it isn't really comparable to "Things Have Changed." Bjork's song from "Dancer in the Dark" would have a pretty good shot as well, but I don't think the Academy would pick it mainly because it was not that popular of a film.



Who do you think should win? E-mail your picks to (skiffletters@tcu.edu).

# WILSON

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Wilson said he is going back to the doctor March 27. He said he hopes that evaluation will be positive and he will be able to start throwing again. The past week, Wilson said he has been able to start running, doing leg exercises and fielding fly balls again.

It's not much, he said, but it is a start.

"Now that I am able to start doing stuff it gives me a little more confidence," Wilson said. "I am able to work towards something."

**The mannerisms, they are a changin'**

Wilson may not be helping the Frogs on the field, but he is helping them in other ways, players said. His work charting statistics has been beneficial to coaches and players.

"He does a lot of things to save us a lot of time," Brown said.

Senior designated hitter Cade Harris said Wilson has gone above the call of duty to help the team.

"It is not really his job to be doing, and he has done it," Harris said.

Senior outfielder Tom Bates said Wilson spots the nuances of the game that players don't notice on the field and passes that along to players.

"He can see the little things pitchers are doing," Bates said. "The little things you don't see when you are playing."

Brown said that Wilson's time spent on the sidelines can help him become a better player for next year.

"By watching you can learn a lot," Brown said. "If you will just watch the game, you will realize how the game is played. When you are playing, you are thinking about yourself. When your not, you get a perspective of the whole team."

Bates said it is kind of weird seeing Wilson in the dugout and not on the field.

"It is a little different," Bates said. "Everytime I have been in the outfield, he has been in center field."

In addition to keeping track of situational statistics, Wilson ran a practice for freshmen and redshirts when the team went to play Texas

in Austin.

The practice squad practiced and played an intrasquad game while listening to the Frogs play on the stadium sound system.

It was when Wilson was running practice that he was given his nickname.

"He has been Coach Wilson ever since then," Harris said.

Redshirt freshman outfielder Kenny Thompson said that Wilson has changed more than just titles or positions. His mannerisms have even changed, Thompson said.

"He looks like a coach," Thompson said. "He wears the sweats and even crosses his legs like a coach. He is Coach Wilson."

Coach Wilson has even created a

somewhat prestigious award: the Marshall Wilson Situational Hitter of the Game Award.

Wilson said the award has a little bit of fan fare.

"I think it will catch on," Wilson said. "They are starting to ask about it after games."

Wilson said sophomore Walter Olmstead has won the award the most times, but junior shortstop Erick Macha is a close second.

Bates wasn't sure if he had won the sought-after award.

"I don't think that I have," Bates said. "I don't care as long as we keep winning."

**Looking to trade suits in January**

Wilson misses being on the field, but from his demeanor, you can't

tell.

"I think he has handled it excellent," Harris said. "It is something he has never done before. He is used to starting every day. He seems to be doing fine."

Wilson said he hopes to be ready to play by January.

"I don't want to rush it," Wilson said. "I am not going to jump in too soon. If I have to wait until next January, I will."

In the mean time, Wilson will have to get rid of the nickname he has earned.

And this might be the hardest trade of all.

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## Women's b-ball team, fans prepare for tourney

6,000 ticket packages expected to be sold in Louisiana, Fort Worth

By Kelly Morris  
SPORTS EDITOR

Fans clapped, the band played, the Showgirls danced and the cheerleaders shouted the fight song during their recent trip to Tulsa for the Western Athletic Conference Tournament.

But this wasn't at the game where the TCU women's basketball team claimed its first WAC Tournament title. Instead, it was before the game at the hotel where the team stayed.

Before the Frogs played in their first-ever championship game Saturday against Hawaii, fans gathered at Doubletree-Warren Place for a 10:30 a.m. pep rally.

Assistant marketing director Brian Florko said the team needed to know how much fan support they had in Tulsa.

"We tried to spread the word (about) the pep rally within 12 to 24 hours," Florko said. "Since it was the first opportunity TCU has had to do

this and a big occasion for us, we thought how can we support them? We wanted our fans to walk into the arena already excited and wanted the team to walk in knowing many people were behind them."

After the Frogs' 66-58 victory against Hawaii, senior guard Jill Sutton said the crowd gave them a huge advantage in the win.

"The fans have been great all year long," Sutton said. "In Tulsa, (it was) like a home court advantage for us."

As the 11th-seeded Frogs get ready to play sixth-seeded Penn State at 6 p.m. Saturday in their first NCAA Tournament, marketing assistant Terra Nuss said she hopes that same enthusiasm from Tulsa will be present in Louisiana.

"If the fans come, the players will be playing for more than just themselves which pushes them that much farther," Nuss said. "Of all the sports fans, I think the women's basketball fans are the most sup-

portive fans. They go the extra mile to show their support."

Another pep rally is scheduled for when the team arrives at the arena before Saturday's game, Nuss said.

Assistant ticket manager Phyllis Ballinger said 192 NCAA full tournament packages, costing \$24 for adults and \$12 for students, have been sold through the TCU ticket office for games played Saturday and Monday.

Louisiana Tech ticket manager Flo Miskelley said about 4,000 ticket packages have been sold in Louisiana and Fort Worth. She said she expects an additional 2,000 packages will be purchased.

Tournament packages can be purchased until 4:30 p.m. Saturday. After that, single tickets can be bought for \$6 for students and \$12 for adults.

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### NCAA Tournament

The TCU women's basketball team is scheduled to play in the program's first-ever NCAA Tournament game during Spring Break.

**What:** First-round game

**Who:** TCU vs. Penn State

**When:** at 6 p.m. Saturday

**Where:** Ruston, La.

Check out the Skiff's Web site following the game. Sports Editor Kelly Morris will provide complete game coverage, including the box score, a game story and feature on the tournament.



Tim Cox/SKIFF STAFF

Junior forward Tricia Payne goes to work inside for a rebound Jan. 23 against Tulsa at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. The Frogs play Saturday in Ruston, La. against Penn State in the first round of the East Regional.

## MARSHALL MATTERS



Tim Cox/SKIFF STAFF

Outfielder Marshall Wilson was supposed to start his senior year as one of the leaders of the TCU baseball team. But he's taken on a different leadership role this season while rehabing a separated shoulder. These days he's more like Coach Wilson.

Brandon Ortiz  
SKIFF STAFF

Marshall Wilson has had to make some tough trades.

Bat for clipboard.  
Pinstripes for sweats.  
Starting center fielder job for quasi-coaching job.

The senior underwent surgery Feb. 9 to repair a separated shoulder that had been bothering him since April of last year. Unable to play, much less throw a baseball, Wilson is trying to help the team by keeping track of different types of situational statistics and hitting charts. In the process, Wilson has earned the nickname Coach Wilson by players.

Even though players and coaches agree Wilson has taken the change of titles well, Wilson still misses his old one: starting center fielder.

**The bumps in the road, and in the shoulder**

Practice like you are going to play.  
It is a universal cliché for all sports.  
Coaches preach it. Players, good ones anyway, do it.

And that is exactly what Wilson was doing when he injured his shoulder. He was practicing like he plays.

It was an ordinary practice in April of last year, just before the Frogs were going to take off for San Jose State. Wilson was taking flyballs, and he was chasing down a fly ball. It was out of his reach and Wilson dove for it, just like he would in a game.

But the grittiness it takes to dive for a ball — the type of grittiness that can't be taught and coaches salivate over — cost Wilson this time. It cost him this season.

Wilson separated his shoulder.  
He sat out the San Jose State series, but returned to finish the final 11 games of the season. In pain.

His grittiness, the thing that helped get him to the college level, injured him. It also made his injury worse.

"When the injury got real bad, it was al-

ready so late in the season that I couldn't have gotten a redshirt or anything," Wilson said. "My eligibility was gone. I guess the smartest thing would have been not to play if I thought I was hurt. But it is a tough thing to do. We had 10 games left and I ended up finishing the season."

"I just ended up making it worse and worse."

Wilson struggled at the plate — going three for 21 during one stretch — and since he injured his throwing shoulder, he was having trouble throwing.

But the season was over, and Wilson hoped he would be able to heal his ailing shoulder in the off-season.

Wilson didn't play summer ball, and he stayed with his parents back home in Austin and worked an internship at a bank.

When Wilson came back in the fall, he said his shoulder felt a little better.

But it didn't take long before his shoulder started bothering him again.  
"I came back this fall and it was alright for a little while because I laid off for a while," he said. "But it didn't take long before I had the same symptoms."

Through the fall, the shoulder didn't get better. It progressively got worse. And worse.  
Wilson was ready to start the season in pain when head coach Lance Brown sat down to talk with him.

"He could tell that I had been struggling to throw the ball," Wilson said. "My arm was in a lot of pain. He sat me down and said there is no reason to start the season at 50 percent or something, because once the season starts, there are no days to rest."

Brown told Wilson that he should entertain the possibility of having surgery and sitting out the season.

"You hate for players in their last year to be in pain and not be able to play up to their ability," Brown said. "There is no use in playing a year where you are going to be hurt."

The news was somber, but Wilson said it meant a lot to him.

"It made me feel good he was supporting me coming back another year," Wilson said. "He cared enough to tell me that instead of making me play."

Wilson, after visiting a doctor and having his shoulder evaluated, elected to go ahead and have his shoulder operated on.

"I laid off a good amount of months and the shoulder didn't repair itself," Wilson said. "I didn't have another four to six months to lay off this time."

But there were risks involved in having the surgery. Wilson said the doctors told him the surgery he was going to have was not the most successful type of surgery since it involved removing a small part of the end of his collar bone.

Wilson said he was a little worried he would never play baseball again.

"It is a pretty big deal once you have surgery," Wilson said. "I was a little bit scared."

Wilson underwent surgery Feb. 9. For a while afterward, his arm was in a sling and he wasn't able to work out. He couldn't even jog.  
"For a while, I wasn't able to do anything," Wilson said. "That was probably the worst."

But the pain in his shoulder is not all Wilson has had to cope with. The pain of not being on the field has also hurt him.

"It's hard," Wilson said. "I knew it was going to be hard to sit out and not play because it is late in my career. I have already played three seasons and to sit out and not be going on plane trips is hard. I don't feel a part of the team."

Traveling with the team on road trips is what Wilson said he misses the most.

"It has been harder once the season has got underway," Wilson said. "They have been traveling and I have been sitting at home. That is probably the worst adjustment. Just being with the team everyday when they are on the road and eating together and screwing around in the hotel — it is a lot of fun. It is really hard to miss that."

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## Frogs to focus on baseball, not beaches this Spring Break

By Brandon Ortiz  
SKIFF STAFF

Wish you had a flight leaving today for Hawaii to spend Spring Break sitting on the beach and basking in the sun?

The TCU baseball team will spend its Spring Break in Hawaii, but it doesn't plan on having much fun in the sun.

The Frogs will play three games

against Hawaii (8-13, 3-9 Western Athletic Conference) and three against Hawaii-Hilo (3-17, 2-10 WAC) before returning home March 25.

Sophomore first baseman Walter Olmstead said the Horned Frogs are more focused on baseball than beach balls after going 1-5 in Hawaii last season.

The Frogs had their minds on

sandy beaches and not the sandlot last season, Olmstead said.

"It was the initial down time that we were interested in (last season), it wasn't about baseball," he said. "We all hung around the beach. Guys did what ever they wanted."

Hawaii has historically had somewhat of a home-field advantage. In some seasons it has paid

big dividends, like in 1999 when the Rainbow Warriors were 26-10 at Rainbow Stadium.

The eight-hour flight and four-hour time zone difference can also have an effect on teams, head coach Lance Brown said.

"It is a pretty taxing road trip," Brown said.

But the troubles don't end there. It is even tougher for the team to

adjust to the time difference coming back because players miss a night of sleep, Brown said.

Brown said another performance like last season's could spell doom for the Frogs' hopes of keeping up with Rice (18-5, 8-1 WAC.) TCU sits in second place with a 5-2 record in the WAC.

Olmstead said the Frogs have a chance to distance itself from

WAC competitors.

"We have got to stay up with (Rice)," Olmstead said. "Those are games we know we can win. We have to get a cushion."

Forgive the Frogs if they leave their sunscreen at home. They have work to do.

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### Sports glance

A look ahead at what's going on in TCU athletics during Spring Break.

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
		Women at NCAA Tournament in Ruston, La.					
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		at Hawaii 4 p.m.	at Hawaii 6 p.m.	at Hawaii 10:35 p.m.			at Hawaii-Hilo 10 p.m.

## Baseball team defeats Iowa State

By Brandon Ortiz  
SKIFF STAFF

Mother Nature apologized and made up with the TCU baseball team in a big way Thursday.

The weather has not been friendly to the Frogs for the past month with rain dogging them at every turn. But Thursday, it was a big boost.

With winds gusting up to 38 miles an hour, the Horned Frogs (14-9) set program records for home runs (nine), runs (29) and RBIs (29) to defeat Iowa State (5-10) 29-4.

Head coach Lance Brown said he hasn't seen too many games like it. "They hit up in the air, and (the wind) took it," Brown said.

Senior outfielder Rudy Rivera

had two home runs, including a wind-aided shot that hit the second fence next to the astronomy lab.

Eight different Frogs hit home runs, including four who did not start. Sophomore outfielder Jeff Reed, who had only five at bats coming into the game, had a pinch-hit home run. In only his second career at bat, redshirt freshman outfielder Kenny Thompson hit a three-run homer in the eighth inning. Junior catcher Jonathan Marshall, in his first game at TCU, hit a home run in the eighth to tie the previous single-game record for home runs. Junior designated hitter Trey Crawford, who came into the game hitting .222, hit a grand slam in the eighth to break the record.

All three home runs in the

eighth inning were the players' career firsts.

Junior shortstop Erick Macha also became the Frogs' all-time career triples leader when he hit a triple in the third inning. The triple raised Macha's career total to 15.

Brown said before the game that he wanted to give a lot of players playing time, and he did just that. Brown cleared most of his bench utilizing 19 different players.

Brown said he didn't think the blow out was very beneficial to either team since it wasn't a typical game.

Maybe Mother Nature wasn't so apologetic after all.

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## TCU Crime Blotter

March 8 through March 14, 2001

### Property Crime

March 14, 4:48 p.m. — A vehicle parked in the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum parking lot, located 2800 Stadium Drive, was damaged. Someone used a key or a similar object to scratch the left side of the vehicle. The scratch ran from the driver's side door to the left rear door. Nothing else was damaged on the vehicle. Damages were estimated at less than \$1,500.

### Disorderly Conduct

March 8, 2:58 p.m. — A person in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium received a harassing phone call. The call was reportedly from a male. The caller said only one word during the message. The complainant copied the phone number from the caller ID. The call was made from a Cingular cell phone number.

March 11, 9:06 p.m. — A female student in Sherly Hall received a harassing message on her voice mail. The message was reportedly left by a male who had an elderly voice. The caller named the student by her first name and wished to speak to her. Three minutes after checking the message the student received three more hang-up calls on her voice mail.

### Criminal Trespass

March 12, 8:09 p.m. — A resident at Wiggins Hall reported receiving numerous harassing phone calls. The caller, who identified herself as "Tiffany," asked the female resident questions about two particular members of the TCU basketball team. The caller also asked questions about members of the TCU football team. The caller said that she attends Prairie View A&M. No threats were made during the calls.

### Criminal Trespass

March 8, 3:27 a.m. — A female student was arrested for criminal trespassing after climbing a fence in the Amon Carter Stadium area and was given an alcohol violation citation. She was arrested and taken to the Fort Worth Police Department. Police found a large stadium light broken near where the student was apprehended. Police officers said they were suspicious of her after smelling a strong odor from an alcoholic beverage on her breath. The police initially arrived at the scene after hearing a loud glass break and voices at the north end of the stadium.

Compiled by Ram Luthra

## FROG FIT

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Carol Campbell, vice chancellor for finance and business, said \$65 from each student's tuition and fees goes toward the recreational sports budget.

However, maintenance, insurance, equipment and other services are taken care of through other departments which operate on their own budget, Campbell said.

She said the dollar amount from students' tuition that goes toward the Rickel and the services it provides is splintered.

Milam said, "I would still estimate that (the Rickel) is less than you would pay for a regular gym."

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Stacy Stuart, a senior radio-TV-film major, and Molly Hayes, a junior e-business and marketing major, work out Thursday in the Rickel Building.

## SGA

From Page 1

Rick Barnes, director of special projects for student affairs, said yearbook would not be in the position to help out with SGA's budget. But he said he understands Hudson's concern from a student's point of view.

"If a mistake was made, maybe the university should help out," he said.

But the Permanent Improvements Committee is not the only area feeling the crunch from the cuts.

Sara Komenda, Programming Council vice president, said things will be different this semester, but PC will continue with all of the projects already slated.

"We're not going to have the semester we wanted," she said. "But the (executive) council is great, and they're dealing with it a lot better than I thought they would."

She said the difference will come in the ideas committee leaders now bring to the group. She said the events will be reviewed by committee leaders, and money will be distributed on an individual basis.

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## Anti-gay harassment declines

### Military's 'don't ask, don't tell' policy remains common

By Pauline Jelinek  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A legal aid group that defends gays in the military says anti-homosexual harassment in the services declined slightly last year, largely because of improved Army training programs.

The Servicemembers Legal Defense Network says in its seventh annual report on the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy that anti-gay behavior remains common in all the services, including among officers.

The report issued Thursday says many commanders continue to violate the policy by overzealously investigating the sexual orientation of service members. The policy allows gay men and lesbians to serve as long as they keep their sexual orientation private and do not engage in homosexual acts.

The report urges Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld to develop procedures for disciplining service members who engage in, condone or ignore anti-gay behavior and to strongly state the Pentagon's opposition to such behavior.

"We now stand at a political crossroads and the question is whether the Bush administration will do what the

Clinton administration failed to do and enforce don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue, don't harass with fairness and compassion," the report says.

Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said officials will study the report.

"In the meantime, there should be no doubt in any service member's mind that harassment is not tolerated in the military," Whitman said.

President Bush has said he supports the "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

Reports of harassment to the legal aid group had jumped to 986 in 1999, more than double the previous year's 400.

In 2000, reports of anti-gay harassment declined 10 percent to 871, the organization says in its latest survey. The Army accounted for most of that decrease, with complaints falling to 209, from 276.

"The Army appears to be leading the way among the services in implementing training programs and holding those found responsible for anti-gay misconduct accountable," the report says.

The Navy led the other services in reported cases of harassment with

332 in 2000, up from 330 the year before.

The report also says the Air Force, more than the other services, conducts "fishing expeditions" into the sexual histories of admitted or suspected homosexuals and has been particularly aggressive about trying to force gays and lesbians to repay scholarships or bonuses after they have been involuntarily discharged.

The report says incidents of physical violence have been rare. But it cites the case of an Army private at Fort Jackson, S.C., who was beaten in his bed soon after a drill sergeant singled him out using an epithet. The private later admitted he is gay and was discharged.

The report charged that the Pentagon "has sat for six months" on a proposed directive that would order the services to implement new rules on such things as anti-harassment training and accountability as well as order the inspector general to annually measure the success of anti-harassment programs.

It was referring to a directive drawn up last year after former Secretary William Cohen ordered a special committee created to study the problem.

## Senate vote to change bankruptcy laws

By Marcy Gordon  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Senate is moving toward passage of legislation that would make it harder for people to wipe out debts in bankruptcy court after quashing Democratic attempts to restrain banks in handing out credit cards.

Senators voted 80-19 Wednesday to cut off debate on the most sweeping overhaul of bankruptcy laws in 20 years. A final vote was expected late Thursday or Friday.

The legislation overwhelmingly passed the House on March 1, and President George W. Bush has signaled he would sign it.

Senators engaged in a debate on states' rights Thursday before they accepted an amendment by Sen. Herb Kohl, D-Wis., to impose a \$125,000 federal cap on homestead exemptions for home equity. The proposal, aimed at preventing wealthy debtors from shielding their assets in luxury homes in bankruptcy proceedings, was adopted by voice vote.

Florida and Texas allow unlimited homestead exemptions, which debtors can use to keep their homes' value out of the reach of creditors in bankruptcy court.

Kohl's provision "would threaten homeownership for millions of American families," Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., said before the vote.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, contended it would threaten a 130-year-old right of the states. She noted that Bush has voiced opposition to such a change to the bankruptcy bill and said it could derail the measure.

Also Thursday, the Senate voted 99-0 for a proposal by Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., to end the requirement for children's names to be listed on bankruptcy applications and related documents, to prevent contacts by sexual predators.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said Wednesday that the Bush administration opposes a provision in the legislation that could block insurer Lloyd's of London from collecting debts from some U.S. investors.

"We strongly oppose it," Powell said in testimony before the Senate Budget Committee. "It will cause us international difficulties, and it opens up other opportunities for others to try to seek similar relief."

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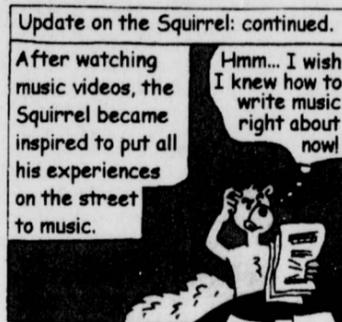
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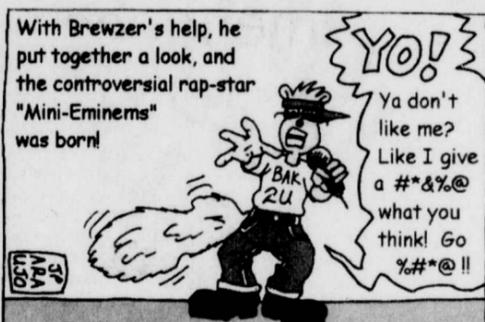
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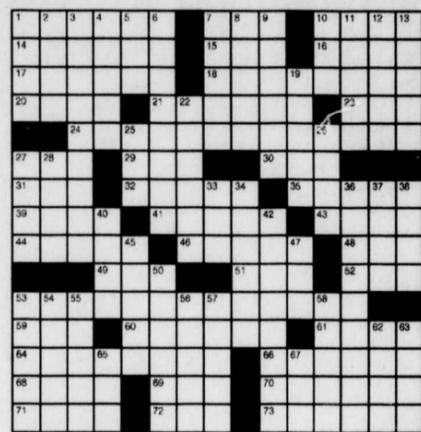


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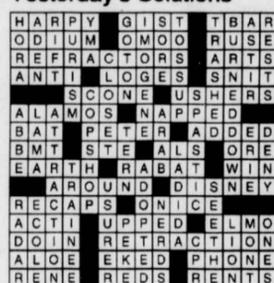


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## Area churches differ on views of homosexuality

By **Bethany McCormack**  
STAFF REPORTER

While businesses and universities are beginning to accept the validity of same-sex unions, many churches still are not.

However, Charles Calabrese, Catholic Community priest, said he hopes the policy of the Catholic Church toward same sex unions will change.

"Marriage laws need to represent how people are and not the way someone thinks they ought to be," he said.

Calabrese said homosexual orientation is not a sin according to church policy, which is determined by the Pope and bishops. However, he said church policy holds any sexual activity outside of marriage to be a sin, and homosexuals cannot enter into the covenant of marriage.

He said that in the past, church policy has changed when people lived contrary to custom. For example, charging interest on money in the Middle Ages was considered a mortal sin. However, he said now investing is a common practice that even the church participates in.

Calabrese said the Catholic Church teaches that homosexuals should be treated with greater compassion and should be allowed an active role in the Christian community.

"We respect the human dignity of every person," Calabrese said. "I would hope that every parish would be open to every person — homosexual or heterosexual."

Brian Young, United Methodist Church campus minister and director of the Wesley Foundation, said that within the United Methodist Church there are varying opinions on the topic of homosexuality.

"It's certainly a debated topic, and you can talk to people on both sides of the issue," he said.

Young said there is no official policy on church membership for homosexuals, and anyone can be a member of the church.

According to "The Book of Discipline," the official statement of the United Methodist Church, the practice of homosexuality is not condoned, but Young said God's grace is available to all.

Young said "The Book of Discipline" also states that homosexuals should be provided with all civil rights and should not be discriminated against.

Young said the official position of the United Methodist Church restricts clergy persons from performing same-sex unions, but there is much debate about this. He said in some churches, clergy members have performed same sex-unions with repercussions.

Lisa London, a pastor on staff at Cathedral of Hope, a Metropolitan Community Church in Dallas, said the church performs between 50 and 75 Holy Unions each year. She said a Holy Union ceremony between members of the same-sex is similar to a marriage ceremony, but it is not legally binding.

London said Cathedral of Hope is a welcoming place.

"Anyone seeking to know God can come and worship without being judged and criticized," she said.

London said other churches that are welcoming and affirming to homosexuals include some United Methodist churches, United Church of Christ, some Presbyterian churches and some Disciples of Christ churches.

"Within all denominations, these movements have created an atmosphere of discussion that needed to be there," he said.

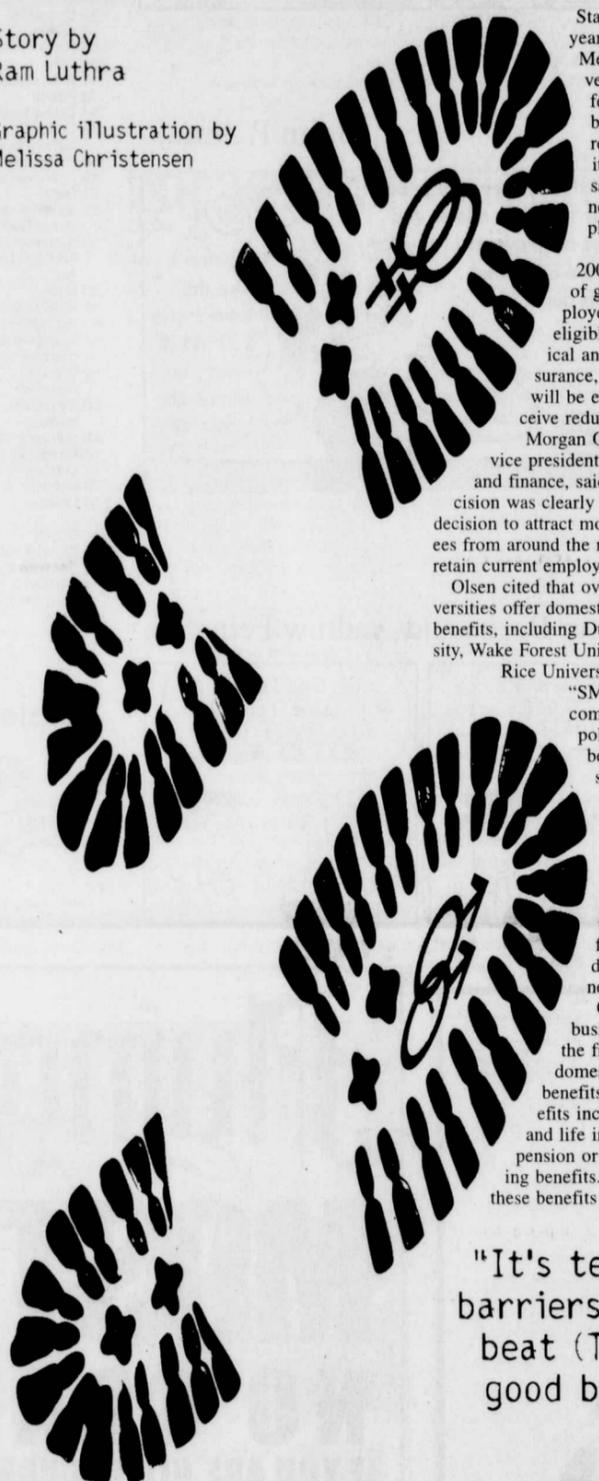
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# A Step of Equality

## SMU grants same-sex partners of employees insurance, tuition benefits

Story by  
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Starting next year, Southern Methodist University will offer medical benefits and reduced tuition to the same-sex partners of its employees.

On Jan. 1, 2002, partners of gay SMU employees will be eligible for medical and dental insurance, and they will be eligible to receive reduced tuition. Morgan Olsen, SMU vice president for business and finance, said SMU's decision was clearly a business decision to attract more employees from around the nation and to retain current employees.

Olsen cited that over 150 universities offer domestic partner benefits, including Duke University, Wake Forest University and Rice University.

"SMU typically compares its policies with 24 benchmark institutions, including TCU," Olsen said. "Out of those, 11 have extended benefits to cover domestic partners."

Corporate businesses were the first to grant domestic partner benefits. These benefits include health and life insurance and pension or profit-sharing benefits. Olsen said these benefits are ways for

employers to compensate their workers and for one company or university to obtain a competitive edge over another.

Donald Jackson, chairman of the political science department, said he agrees that giving gay and lesbian couples access to employment benefits is popular among corporate businesses and with colleges and universities.

"It is a growing trend in the corporate world that has transcended into the college arena," he said. "I feel more enterprises will follow this path."

Chancellor Michael Ferrari said not to rule out such a policy at TCU. Ferrari said he has some experience on this issue because a similar proposal was passed at his former university, Drake University, during his tenure as president.

"I am open for discussion on this topic," Ferrari said. "I feel we must treat all faculty (and) staff in a fair manner, but for this to be proposed it must go through the process of being carefully reviewed by the Faculty Senate, Staff Assembly and the Student Government Association."

Sharon Barnes, TCU director of employee relations, said any time a business increases its benefits it is always an advantage.

"This has nothing to do with morality," she said. "Any time an institution expands its health insurance or other benefits, they should be applauded because now private businesses are taking the responsibility to provide health insurance, rather than the government doing so. It is a shame to translate a business decision to a statement or stance based on morality."

Barnes said she doesn't think adoption of this particular policy would make a significant difference in recruitment or retention of employees.

"With this (policy), only a minority of people can benefit," Barnes said. "So if only a small population actually benefits, then

it is less likely that granting benefits would really increase recruitment. If institutions really want to increase recruitment, they should expand benefits for elderly parents of employees."

Sherrie Reynolds, an associate professor of education who is gay, said SMU's policy is very timely, and she agrees that the benefits will attract a large segment of qualified employees around the nation.

"It's terrific that SMU has broken down some barriers," she said. "But it is an embarrassment that they beat (TCU) to it. Not only are they making a good business decision, but they are moving people closer in equality."

Reynolds said it would be advantageous for TCU to adopt a similar policy, and she believes it is possible for TCU to grant these benefits.

"It would be a huge benefit for TCU," Reynolds said. "It is definitely possible for the university to do the same because of the many advantages associated with it."

Barnes, who works in Human Resources, said she doesn't know if TCU will adopt such a policy in the near future.

"This issue is not dead, but it certainly is not on the front burner at TCU," she said.

According to the Human Rights Campaign Web site, 132 college and universities have adopted policies that provide employee benefits for same-sex couples. Rice is the only university besides SMU in Texas currently offering benefits to gay employees. In addition, 121 Fortune 500 companies have added their benefits covering domestic partners.

The City of Fort Worth has experienced some concern over this issue in the past. It passed an ordinance in October prohibiting sexual orientation-based discrimination in all housing-related transactions and situations.

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— **Sherrie Reynolds**, associate professor of education

## Gender crosser finds happiness in life-changing decision

I've never really had to think outside the box. Growing up in the heartland and now living inside the TCU bubble, normalcy has always been the foundation of my experience. That is until I was invited to speak with Deirdre McCloskey, a professor of human sciences at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

With a bachelor's degree and doctorate in economics from Harvard University, McCloskey offers an impressive résumé which includes authorship of countless articles and more than a dozen books. Although I regard any mind that comprehends economics as sheer genius, it wasn't her intelligence that intimidated me, nor was it her vast experiences in academic fields which have taken her as far as the Netherlands. Rather, I was intimidated simply by who she was.

Until 1995, Deirdre was known as Donald McCloskey, a well-respected

economist, husband of 30 years and father of two. At age 53, Donald decided to take action on a desire he had hidden all his life and began the gender transformation process.

McCloskey was invited as the keynote speaker for the inauguration of the Add Ran College of Humanities and Social Sciences, and the interview was intended to give me a better understanding of her speech. Her address, entitled "Bourgeois Virtue," had nothing to do with transgender issues, and I didn't know how or even if I should approach the topic.

Then McCloskey walked out in navy pumps that squarely hit the ground with each step. A perfectly-manicured set of nails was extended in the traditional offer of friendship, and the grip was surprisingly feminine. A set of pearl earrings and skillfully-drawn eyeliner confirmed that I was standing in front of a seasoned woman.

Yet there were several qualities that were unmistakably masculine. Her 6-foot, 2-inch frame still bore the broad shoulders of a man, and despite the perfectly-filed maroon fingernails, her hands were large and strong, noticeably the hands of a man.

Her voice, however, was the most intriguing aspect. It had an almost elec-

tronically-generated tone to it, with a dual-tone sound something like when a person whistles and hums at the same time. It was neither feminine nor masculine. It simply was Deirdre.

I decided to not approach the gender subject for the majority of the interview. Finally, as the conversation waned, I pulled out the old reporter's trick and asked if there was anything she would like to add that I had not asked.

"It should be noted that I am a gender-crosser," she said.

Well, at least it was in the open. But still I had no idea where the interview should go from there. Luckily, she took the lead.

"When I was 11 years old, I would fall asleep every night praying for two things: One, that I wouldn't stutter anymore, and two, that I would wake up as a girl," she said with a slight stutter. "For an Evangelical Christian, 50 percent isn't too bad."

She explained to me that she is not ashamed of who she is, and, in fact, she is much happier now than she had ever been. She said she uses humor to put her audiences at ease, whether they be comprised of students or academics.

Her decision was announced publicly in an article, "Some News That At Least Won't Bore You," in a 1996 issue

of *Eastern Economic Journal*. Because she was already established professionally, she said her colleagues didn't miss a beat.

"My dean (at University of Iowa) thought it was great for affirmative action," she said. "He could chalk one up in one category and remove one from the other."

Her professional focus has shifted since the gender change, as evidenced in the titles of her books. As Donald, she wrote "The Open Fields of England: Rent, Risk and the Rate of Interest." As Deirdre, she wrote "How to Be Human" "Though an Economist." She said she has learned to focus on all of the virtues found in her academic fields, especially the virtue of love.

That love is clearly expressed to Jane Austen, a 3-year-old, 9-pound Yorkshire terrier who enjoyed jumping into and out of my lap throughout the hour. Janie is part of McCloskey's contract at UIC and attends all classes the professor teaches. McCloskey speaks to the dog as an equal and cuddles the terrier in her lap. At the Add Ran inauguration, Janie accompanied McCloskey in an open, mesh navy and brown Sherpa bag, seemingly content and familiar with the arrangement.

Almost as an afterthought, Mc-

Closkey mentioned her family history. As she choked back tears, she told me her children have not spoken to her since 1995.

"I have a grandchild I have never seen," she said. "I have never seen my only grandchild."

Then I discovered the point that I had been missing throughout my week of worrying, that simple idea that even preschoolers are taught through Sesame Street. McCloskey is human. Male or female, gender-crosser, economist: They're all just labels. Sitting across from me was a person struggling with complex emotions. For the first time in her life, she can honestly tell another person she is happy with who she is, but she had to sacrifice the acceptance of her children to get there.

I left the interview feeling ashamed of my overreaction but also feeling optimistic for my personal development. My bubble of normalcy had not burst as I had predicted. It had instead thickened with new layers of compassion and understanding.

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