

# TCU DAILY SKIFF

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## Economists predict worst inflation rate since WW II

WASHINGTON (AP)—Higher energy costs continued to surge through the economy in August, pushing consumer prices up 1.1 percent, the government said today.

The sharp rise was the eighth consecutive monthly increase near or above 1 percent, the Labor Department said. And it occurred despite a leveling-off in food prices, which showed no change in August.

If there is no break in the price pattern, the nation will end the year with an inflation rate above 13 percent—the worst since World War II, economists said. The Labor Department today also introduced its new energy report, which gives monthly price statistics on gasoline, fuel oil and other energy costs.

The report showed the impact on families of the 60 percent rise in crude oil prices enacted by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries since the start of the year.

Among the statistics:

- The average price for a gallon of gasoline last month across the nation was 96.7 cents, up 28.2 cents since the start of the year.
- The average price of fuel oil was 80 cents per gallon up 25.5 cents since December 1978.

In another report, the Labor Department said Americans' average weekly earnings were badly eroded by inflation in August, falling 0.8 percent in the month. Spendable earnings, which are weekly earnings after Social Security and federal taxes are deducted and adjustments are made for inflation, fell 0.9 percent in August, the third consecutive monthly decline.

The Carter administration has been hoping for a turnaround in inflation before the end of the year.

But Labor Department economist Patrick Jackman said signs of that

turnaround are not yet visible in the Consumer Price Index.

The report said "about two-thirds of the (August) increase was due to higher energy and home ownership prices."

Transportation prices were up 1.5 percent for the month, with most of the rise blamed on a 4 percent surge in gasoline prices. Public transit costs also rose.

"In the 12 months ended in August, gasoline prices increased 46.1 percent," the report said.

Housing costs also reflect higher fuel costs, with a 7.1 percent August rise in fuel oil costs (56.4 percent for the year) pushing the cost ahead rapidly.

"In August, home prices rose 1.5 percent," the report said. "Home financing costs rose 3 percent, reflecting increases in both mortgage interest rates and house prices."



ALL TOGETHER NOW—C.F. McCarley, the crossing guard at University Drive and Cantey, negotiates Alice Carlson Elementary School's bicyclists across University.

## 'Alternative' newspaper to provide different voice

By JOERZEPPA  
Staff Writer

Several TCU students are planning an independent campus-wide student newspaper as an alternative and supplement to the *TCU Daily Skiff*.

Brachman residents, along with some representatives of other dorms, are most interested in

forming the paper, according to Brian Love of the Brachman Hall Publications Committee.

The paper will not compete with nor oppose the *Skiff*, but will provide "a different voice, an alternative," Love said.

The emphasis of the paper will be on feature-type writing rather than on straight news, according to Love. He said he hopes it will include more "humor, satire, poetry,

illustrations, and more creative-type pieces" than the *Skiff* presently carries.

Love said that the paper will cover campus activities that are "given little attention" by the *Skiff*, especially in the area of sports. "We'd like to give more coverage to other sports and teams besides football," he added.

The newspaper will be published either monthly or bi-monthly and

will be distributed free of charge throughout the campus, Love said.

Initially, the paper will be partly funded from the dormitory. However, Love said, he hopes that the paper will become self-supporting through the sale of advertising space.

Love said that as of yet, no staff has been appointed, no set format established, no advertising or copy received, no printing arrangements

made, no name selected for the paper, and no date slated for the publication of the first issue. "We're in the planning stages right now," he said.

The publication may be "somewhat similar" to the *Raven*, an alternative newspaper published by Brachman Hall in the 1977 spring semester.

Love said he would not be surprised by administrative opposition

to the paper. "My experience has taught me that the administration is generally opposed to anything not directly controlled by the university," he said.

Dean of Students Libby Proffer said that she had not heard any plans for the alternative newspaper.

"I can't be for or against anything in the abstract," Proffer said, adding she would comment more fully after she saw the paper.

## Yell, jump, smile Cheerleaders frustrated by apathy

By STACEY BEDDINGFIELD  
Staff Writer

Before the Saturday night football game even begins, chaos breaks out. People—who in their natural state are quite calm and subdued—scream and clap their hands. The Spirit Wranglers in purple and white line up in the middle of the field waving "rah-rah rags," awaiting their team. In the distance the TCU letters are in flames and if you look closely you can see a horned frog getting beat up by a football player on the opposing team.

And the night has only just begun.

There are people actually leading this mass of mania: clad in purple and white uniforms, genuine smiles across their faces, clapping to the beat of the band and screaming "rock steady." TCU cheerleaders have caught the "fever."

Everyone has his own opinion of cheerleaders. Comments about them range from "they look like they are putting so much work and spirit into what they're doing down there on the field," to, "they must feel pretty silly."

But there are frustrations involved in the job that nobody can see, according to some of the cheerleaders.

TCU's cheerleaders include four teams of boy-girl partners: Elaine Taylor and Kirk Massey; Debi Bell and Chad Schrotel; JoAnn Coates and Brett Clarke; and Amy McCoun and Joey Schaefer.

For Clarke, a sophomore, "It's most frustrating when we try to get a response from the crowd, and they sit there, doing absolutely NOTHING! Getting the crowd excited—that's the main reason we're out there—and they just sit there sometimes."

"Nobody knows how much we practice, and how much those games really take out of us. People think, oh cheerleaders—fun, easy, blowoff. And we do have fun, but it's still hard work," JoAnn Coates added.

More frustrations for the cheerleaders take place during practice, especially during pressured times right before the game, according to Amy McCoun. "Everyone works hard, but everyone gets nervous too. It always works out well in the end, but at first you're going out of your tree," she said.

They practice Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for about two hours each day. One day includes a gymnastics workout, where they learn moves such as back-handsprings and back flips. Pep rallies take up Thursdays. They must also get together occasionally with the band and the Spirit Wranglers to teach them the new cheers.

All of the women were cheerleaders in high school and head cheerleader Elaine Taylor was a TCU cheerleader last year. Only one man, Kirk Massey, was a cheerleader in high school, and Joey Schaefer is returning for his second year of cheerleading at TCU.

Partners are selected by the cheerleaders themselves, according to the size of each person. "You could put JoAnn (5'1") with a big guy, but you couldn't put me (5'6") with a smaller guy. It would be too hard on both of us," McCoun said.

Chosen last spring, they didn't begin working together until last summer, when they went to SMU for cheerleading camp.

There, they learned that each had the same basic goal—to raise spirit at TCU. Coates said about TCU's latest promotion, Frog Fever, "It's a good program... everyone's trying so hard to make it work. It's hard after we've had no spirit."

But senior cheerleader Taylor sees their goals materializing. "We have five sophomores on our squad, two juniors and one senior. Only two of us have returned from last year. With new people this year, it's brought a fresh approach to the squad, who spreads this to the crowd."

With all the frustrations and hard work, what keeps these spirit-raisers from throwing away their smiles and walking off the field?

"The thrill of it all... it makes me feel like I'm contributing more if I can be down there, right in the middle of everything, yelling and screaming," Coates said.

McCoun feels the same excitement towards cheerleading. "Unless you've been a cheerleader before, you just can't feel the excitement for it. It gets in your blood, gets you fired up."

The support from the band and the Spirit Wranglers has been essential in keeping their spirits up, they said.



Skiff photo by Craig Love



## Starpoint fellowship awarded to graduate

TCU's Starpoint School for the first time is offering a second fellowship position.

Kim McLennan was awarded the new fellowship which allows her to teach at Starpoint this year while earning her master's degree. The aid was made available by a gift from Mrs. M.J. Neeley.

McLennan will teach in all the school's classes on a rotating basis. Her presence will enable other Starpoint instructors to leave their classrooms one day a month to do

research, write, visit the public schools or pursue other activities.

In the past, only one Starpoint fellow—the most outstanding of the special education graduates—was chosen every two years.

Cathy Norman of 2925 Owenwood currently holds that position and is in her second year of teaching at the school while completing her graduate degree. She and McLennan will be responsible for the academic evaluation of all Starpoint pupils this year.

## Annual discontinued after only two years

TCU will not put out a yearbook this year, according to Susie Batchelor, Director of the Student Activities office.

The Horned Frog, TCU's yearbook, was discontinued six years ago because of student disinterest, then revived two years ago through the Student Activities office.

But Batchelor said the book has too many staff and budget problems to continue this year.

"It is an enormous task that offers no reimbursement to the students that work on it. This is unfair," she said. Student Activities doesn't have an extra staff person to devote full-time to the project, she said.

Batchelor also said that not enough people can work on the book from August to May, and then come back in August or September to help distribute it.

"It might have worked if the yearbook was a joint project between the Student Activities office and the Journalism Department. But the Journalism Department has too much else to do because of the *Skiff* and the *Image*," she said.

Batchelor praised last year's yearbook that is now being distributed in The Corner. "It is an improvement on the year before's book. It is well done, and I think that the students will enjoy it."

## Senior seminar gives info

An informational seminar sponsored by Career Development and Placement will introduce seniors to services available from that office.

The seminar will be held at 4 p.m. today in the student center ballroom.

John Seovil, director of the placement office, will teach seniors how to prepare for job interviews. Information will be provided on the

various companies planning to hold interviews on campus.

The seminar will provide information on the employment market for the coming year, specific information on major areas of study and information on graduate and professional schools.

Ways to compile a credential file and prepare an employment resume will also be discussed.

## Spirited girls apply now

Applications for the 1979-80 TCU Basketball pompon girl line are available now at the TCU Sports Information Office in the basement of Daniel-Meyer Coliseum, according to Sports Information Director Pesky Hill.

The pompon girl line was formed last year for TCU basketball games to help provide enthusiasm at the games.

Deadline for returning applications to the SID office is 5 p.m. Oct. 2. Applicants will be interviewed by a screening committee Oct. 3, and tryouts, which will include some type of dance routine, will be Oct. 10.

For further information on applications, interviews or tryouts, contact Hill at 921-7969.

## Student House needs equal representation for all students now

Twenty students were voted into the House of Student Representatives by the wrong people.

Town student representatives were chosen Friday in a run-off election after Wednesday's official election failed to fill sixteen of the seats allocated for them. Oddly enough, these representatives were not elected by their constituents, but by everyone in the student body who bothered to vote.

This is fair representation?

Under the present apportionment system, on-campus students may vote for their dorm representative as well as the town student reps. In Friday's run-off, only 90 students voted.

This turnout is bad enough, but consider the fact that they were the wrong 90 people.

Dorm and town students alike elect those who are supposed to "represent" town students. But did town students have a say in who would represent Colby, Clark or Waits? Of course not... there's no reason they should.

There's something wrong with this system. Apparently, town students aren't concerned enough about campus life to elect their own representatives. Much university policy—regarding visitation and alcohol, for example—doesn't affect them at all. They traditionally aren't involved in as many on-campus organizations.

Last spring the house presented a reapportionment proposal in an attempt to iron out the inequalities. Requiring a constitutional amendment, the proposal went before the student body but was defeated. Opponents of the referendum argued that the proposed reapportionment was not fair or sufficient for town students.

Neither is the present system.

The reapportionment system suggested by the house last year shouldn't be considered the only alternative. Other ways of distributing house seats to people who care—and who represent the campus—must exist.

It's time to tackle reapportionment again. As a matter of fact, it's really too long overdue.

## Editorial policy

The TCU Daily Skiff encourages guest columns, editorials, and editorial cartoons. Columns and editorials must be typed, double spaced, and signed by the author. No anonymous material will be accepted. Cartoons must be drawn in india ink on white paper, and must also be signed.

Before submitting a guest column or cartoon, we ask that you check with Nancy Lee Novell or Monica Anne Krause, 921-7423, to be sure your idea is not being duplicated by a Skiff staffer.

All material will be edited for style, grammar, and taste. Signed material is solely the opinion of the author; unsigned editorials are the opinion of the majority of the Skiff staff.

**Skiff weekly columnists and cartoonists WANTED!**  
Serious analyses and interpretives preferred for columns, but humor also accepted  
Contact Nancy Lee Novell at 921-7423

## Letters

The TCU Daily Skiff welcomes all letters. They must be typewritten, double spaced and no longer than 300 words with a legible signature and ID number. They may be mailed or brought by room 115, Dan Rogers Hall.

### Poor sportsmanship

Dear Editor:

I am disgusted and angry with the behavior shown at the football game Saturday by several fraternity "gentlemen." Towards the end of the game, when it became obvious that the Frogs were going to lose, the frat brothers decided to amuse themselves by throwing empty plastic cups at the high school students playing in the guest bands that day.

This behavior is not only appalling, it is something I would expect from high school or grade

school students, not college students. It is also embarrassing that these high school students should leave here with a poor impression of TCU because of a few students.

I think those students involved in this immature behavior should apologize to the band involved. Lamar High School in Arlington, and particularly to the students whom they hit and the band director.

To prevent further incidents of this type, TCU should provide better security in the stands and throw out people, such as the frat brothers, who insist on being immature and

disruptive at the expense of others.

Brendan Tiernan  
Sophomore, Political Science major

### Our money's worth

Dear Editor:

I wish to comment on this year's (or rather last year's) yearbook, or if you wish, annual.

IT STINKS! My high school's yearbook was better than this comic book. (I shouldn't have slandered comic books, for they ARE in color.) First of all, take the cover. Since when did our school colors change to pink and black? (I could visualize, within limits, a purple frog, but a PINK one!)

And that brings up another point. Are we not known as the Horned Frogs... and not WHERE-WHAT-WHO?

And the format looks like (Exactly, it's all white.) I've never seen so much wasted white space. No captions, no titles, no nothing. Although I'm not a journalism major or a yearbook layout artist-designer, I do know that we didn't get our money's worth.

There is plenty of room for other pictures; but, in order to get the prescribed 264 pages, they (the editors) insisted on making this year's picturebook look more like a scrapbook (with pictures scattered and no write-ups), instead of a college-spirited and sophisticated yearbook.

Larry Locha  
Junior, Accounting Major  
P.S. Further investigation shows that there are some mismatches on names and faces.

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## Both vague on specifics

# Kennedy echoes Carter's '76 run

By WALTER R. MEARS  
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP)—Once there was a Democratic presidential candidate who said that the compelling issue was leadership, not an itemized list of programs and proposals.

Now there is a potential candidate who says much the same thing.

The first was Jimmy Carter in 1976. The second is Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, who may contest Carter's renomination in 1980.

Search for the compelling items that divide the president and the senator from Massachusetts and you will search in vain. There are more programs on which they agree than on which they differ.

Ask Kennedy for specifics on what he would do differently as president and you'll get an answer like this:

"I think right now what we're seeing, of course, is the substantial inflation, 13 percent inflation, the increase of three-tenths of one percent in the unemployment, the beginning of the pressures in terms of recession.

"We're going to face, I think, an important and deepening crisis in our economy in the latter part of this year about how we're going to balance the efforts to deal both with the inflationary and the recessionary pressures.

"And the way we come to grips with those is going to have, I think, very significant implications in a variety of different fronts over the period of the early '80s."

That's a lot of words without an answer.

There is some frustration among Carter loyalists at Kennedy's ability to generate support without getting down to itemized proposals, but

probably no more than there was among Carter's 1976 rivals at the difficulty of pinning him down to specifics.

Not that Carter campaigned without proposals. He made scores, and eventually hundreds. But most of them came without numbers or dollar signs, or specifics on the way they would be implemented.

Carter always said he had been as specific as any other candidate. And at one point during that campaign, on April 28, 1976, he said, "It's not the little, ticky, individual, compartmentalized interests that concern people when they vote. They're searching for somebody whom they can trust and who cares about them and who is competent."

Now it is Kennedy who is talking about leadership, saying that the critical question to him is the way the administration addresses such problems as inflation and unemployment.

"... It's back to whether the people have the sense of confidence that he can deal with these issues, I think that's the matter of deepening and increasing concern to people as we come to the 1980s," Kennedy said.

And Carter, on the other hand, seems to have changed his mind about the impact of specific programs on the attitude of the public, at least as it is reflected in his slumping poll ratings.

"... Most of the decisions that have to be made by a president are inherently not popular ones," he said the other day. "They are contentious. There is not a single vote to be derived from the evolution of a national energy policy..."

## What's your opinion

The TCU Daily Skiff staff would like to give you a chance to tell us what you think about your campus newspaper. Below are a few questions to help us learn about your likes and dislikes. By telling us what you want, we can better serve the campus community. Mail your responses to the TCU Daily Skiff or bring them by the newsroom, Dan Rogers Hall, room 115.

1. We would like to know what you enjoy reading the most. Please list the following by number in the order of your preference (1 for most, 2 for second most, etc.)

- \_\_\_ Campus news stories
- \_\_\_ AP stories
- \_\_\_ Feature stories on students and faculty
- \_\_\_ Student opinion polls
- \_\_\_ Entertainment reports
- \_\_\_ Women's sports
- \_\_\_ Conference sports
- \_\_\_ AP sports coverage
- \_\_\_ N.Y. Times editorial cartoons
- \_\_\_ Local editorial cartoons
- \_\_\_ Local or guest opinion columns
- \_\_\_ Humorous columns
- \_\_\_ Staff editorials

2. What kinds of stories would you like to see more of? (Check as many as you wish.)

- \_\_\_ Campus news
- \_\_\_ AP news stories
- \_\_\_ Feature stories
- \_\_\_ Business news
- \_\_\_ Consumer news
- \_\_\_ Sports (what kind?)
- \_\_\_ Other (please explain)

3. Would you like to see a weekly campus opinion poll? Yes No

4. Do you feel that such a poll would give students an adequate chance to voice their opinions? Yes No

5. If you answered "no," what could the Skiff do to allow more students to voice their opinions?

6. How would you rate the Skiff in accuracy and fairness?

- \_\_\_ Better than average
- \_\_\_ Average
- \_\_\_ Below average
- \_\_\_ Poor

7. If you rated the Skiff either below average or poor, please state your reasons why:

8. How often do you read the Skiff?

- \_\_\_ Once a week
- \_\_\_ Twice a week
- \_\_\_ Three times a week
- \_\_\_ Four times a week

9. What area do you consider the Skiff strongest in?

- \_\_\_ News
- \_\_\_ Sports
- \_\_\_ Editorial page

10. What areas do you consider the Skiff weakest in? Why?

- \_\_\_ News
- \_\_\_ Sports
- \_\_\_ Editorial page

11. Do you read another newspaper regularly? Which one(s)?

12. What is your classification

- \_\_\_ freshman
- \_\_\_ sophomore
- \_\_\_ junior
- \_\_\_ senior
- \_\_\_ graduate student
- \_\_\_ faculty, staff

13. Additional comments:

## NEWS BRIEFS

Compiled from the Associated Press

### Priscilla favored in slander suit

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)—Sally Ann Gaither failed today in the Texas Supreme Court to win a \$2.5 million slander suit against Priscilla Lee Davis for a remark Ms. Davis allegedly made at her former husband's murder trial.

The Supreme Court dismissed the case for lack of jurisdiction. The alleged slanderous remark was, "Well, Sally Gaither is a thief." State District Judge Charles Murray of Fort Worth granted a summary judgment for Davis. The Fort Worth Court of Civil Appeals affirmed that ruling.

The appeals court said the comment by Ms. Davis was absolutely privileged since it was testimony during a court proceeding and she could not be held accountable for the comment.

### Brown finds Texas politics open

HOUSTON (AP)—California Gov. Edmund G. Brown says he is surprised by the political openness of Texas.

In bringing his unofficial campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination to the state, Brown said he has not found a profound level of commitment in Texas for either President Carter or another potential contender, Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.

Brown was to speak today at the University of Houston and at a \$6 per person reception at a lawyers club. He made an appearance at Southern Methodist University in Dallas Monday.

### Davis trial to proceed without juror

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)—State District Judge Gordon Gray announced today the Cullen Davis murder solicitation trial would proceed with 11 jurors.

The judge advised both sides that testimony would resume Wednesday morning.

He said a doctor attending juror Kathryn Holman said the 53-year-old housewife would be hospitalized at least three weeks.

# 'No-Nukes' rally largest ever held

NEW YORK (AP)—It was billed as a protest against nuclear power. By the time it ended, sunny skies, free music and a controversial issue drew an estimated 200,000 people to the tip of Manhattan for a "No Nukes" rally Sunday.

Why did they gather here on the crisp first day of autumn?

"It was mainly for the music that I came, and to remember Woodstock and the '60s," said Princeton student Janine Verbinski, 20.

"People here will learn about the cause," said Jonie Miller, who came to take a stand against nuclear energy and sat in the front row.

The peaceful day-long gathering

was the largest anti-nuclear, pro-solar rally in history and the focus of a day of similar protests nationwide. There were no arrests or other incidents here.

Sunday's rally, organized by a committee sponsored by the non-profit Musicians United for Safe Energy, capped a week of concerts at Madison Square Garden by major rock performers who volunteered to raise money for political activity against nuclear power.

Those concerts were not free, but Sunday the crowd was only asked to place donations for the anti-nuclear

effort in red plastic bags. It was not known how much was donated.

Barry Commoner of the Center for the Biology of Natural Systems in St. Louis announced the formation of a new political party, the Citizens Party, which he said would lobby for anti-nuclear issues.

Elsewhere, however, protesters blocked the main gate to the Vermont Yankee nuclear plant in Vernon to disrupt its annual refueling, and police arrested 167 persons on charges of unlawful trespass.

The festive crowd on the edge of New York Harbor heard speeches on the dangers of nuclear power

from political and environmental activists and listened to the music of a loose new alliance of musicians committed to a solar society, including Pete Seeger, Bonnie Raitt, Jackson Browne, and Crosby, Stills and Nash.

"We are here to propose a conversion program from a nuclear to a non-nuclear society, community by community, state by state, region by region, to an age of solar energy and renewable resources," said activist

Tom Hayden, who heads the Campaign for Economic Democracy. His wife, actress Jane Fonda, also spoke.

## CALENDAR

### Wednesday

11:30 a.m.—Informal discussion with Don Mills, associate dean of students, and an ARA food service spokesman, Student Center lounge. Sponsored by Forums Committee.

Noon—Fort Worth Symphony, "Playing in the Park," Burnett Park, downtown Fort Worth.

7 p.m.—Unity chapel service, Robert Carr Chapel.

7 p.m.—Phi Beta Kappa-Sigma Xi lecture by Saunders MacLane,

### Thursday

Green Honors Professor, Student Center 207.

8:45 p.m.—Fort Worth Community Theatre, "A Streetcar Named Desire," Scott Theatre.

### Friday

4 p.m.—OPEC-ODE Meeting, hosted by Jim Mayne, 2200 Lowden Apt. 34. Maps available in the economics department, or call 923-8268.

5 p.m., 8 p.m., and midnight—"Casablanca," starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman. 75 cents.

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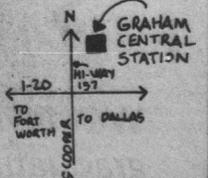
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**SPORTS BRIEFS**

Compiled from Skiff News Services

**Aggie duo nabs SWC honors**

A pair of Texas A&M players are the Southwest Conference Players of the Week this week after the Aggies ambushed the nation's No. 6-ranked Penn State.

Fullback Curtis Dickey, who destroyed the Nittany Lions' defense by rushing for 184 yards, was named the Offensive SWC Player of the Week by the Associated Press.

Dickey scored three touchdowns, on runs of 69, 21 and 10 yards, although he was nursing a sore shoulder.

His teammate, linebacker Doug Carr, was named The Associated Press Defensive SWC Player of the Week. Carr had 17 tackles, an interception and a fumble recovery in the 27-14 ambush of the Nittany Lions.

**Baseball attendance shows increase**

Even though major league baseball reports that more than 42 million fans have attended games this season, 11 of the 26 teams show declines in attendance from last year.

The biggest drop is shown by the Los Angeles Dodgers. Through last Sunday, they have had 500,918 fewer fans than last year, when they were the first team ever to draw more than 3 million fans. The Dodgers still lead the majors in attendance this season, though, with 2,785,847, just a shade ahead of Philadelphia.

Other teams with big drops are San Francisco (more than 300,000), Cincinnati (more than 260,000), Oakland (220,000) and the Chicago White Sox (196,000).

San Diego, the New York Mets, Atlanta and Toronto also have suffered drops of more than 130,000.

On the other hand, Houston attendance has increased 781,189. Montreal, another team in the pennant race, has increased 623,411, while California has jumped 680,300. Baltimore has also seen a big increase, up 610,881 from last year.

The New York Mets were the loneliest team in the National League, as only 788,905 persons came to see them play at Shea Stadium. Oakland, however, drew a meager 306,763, for "honors" in the American League.

**SPORTS**

**Tampa Bay: not a joke anymore**

By BRUCE LOWITT  
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The Tampa Bay Buccaneers are playing the biggest confidence game in the National Football League.

The club that began its life as a punching bag for one team after another and a punchline to one joke after another is doing all the punching now—and laughing while it does.

"We're getting that killer instinct," says Ricky Bell, who until recently was known primarily as the answer to the trivia question, "What running back was drafted No. 1 when Tony Dorsett was drafted No. 2?" Now he, rookie runner Jerry Eckwood and second-year quarterback Doug Williams

are helping to give the Bucs an offense to go along with their defense.

"Remember how the fans here used to talk about putting up signs on the 20-yard lines, 'The Bucs stop here'?" Bell recalls. "We used to wonder, 'How are we going to blow it?' And somehow we'd make the mistake that would cost us another touchdown. Now, when we get down near the goal line we know we're going in."

That's confidence. And that has helped the Bucs build a 4-0 record. Not bad for a team which, in its first year, went 0-14, was 2-12 its second time out and managed a 5-11 record last year.

"The attitude we have now is that

we can beat anybody," says linebacker Cecil Johnson. "If we lose, it'll be because we beat ourselves. Nobody's going to beat us."

Even after their first three victories this season they were scoffed at. Look at who they beat, the fans said. Detroit, Baltimore and Green Bay, three teams which, collectively, have a 2-10 record today. Wait'll they meet a REAL team—like the Los Angeles Rams—the fans said.

On Sunday they beat the Rams 21-6. The only points Los Angeles scored came on a first-quarter pass interception, before the Bucs scored all their points in the second period. After the game, All-Pro defensive end Jack Youngblood of the Rams

assessed the Bucs simply: "Anybody who takes them lightly is a fool."

"Some people are sure to say the Rams were down and we were up and we lucked out," says Lee Roy Selmon, a super defensive end. "This is a confidence builder for us. We'll use it to our own advantage. I think it will convince a few people that we really are a very good football team."

"I guess in a way we're still convincing ourselves. Each time we win we get that much more confidence. And I'll tell you one thing: it's sure nice to be on the clean end of the stick, for a change."

**AP Top 20**

- 1) USC (51) 3-0-0 1,286
- 2) Alabama (13) 2-0-0 1,235
- 3) Oklahoma 2-0-0 1,122
- 4) Texas (1) 1-0-0 1,040
- 5) Missouri 3-0-0 898
- 6) Nebraska 2-0-0 862
- 7) Michigan State 3-0-0 816
- 8) Houston 2-0-0 755
- 9) Washington 3-0-0 635
- 10) Purdue 2-1-0 599
- 11) Michigan 2-1-0 564
- 12) Florida State 3-0-0 556
- 13) Arkansas 2-0-0 519
- 14) Ohio State 3-0-0 458
- 15) Notre Dame 1-1-0 436
- 16) No. Carolina St. 3-0-0 293
- 17) UCLA 2-1-0 280
- 18) Penn State 1-1-0 261
- 19) SMU 3-0-0 246
- 20) LSU 2-0-0 184

**Rose reaches record hit plateau**

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Pete Rose made major league baseball history again Monday night.

The 38-year-old first baseman made it look easy as he stroked a Pete Vukovich pitch into right-center field for his 200th hit of the season. It was the 10th time in his illustrious career Rose had reached that magic figure, and only the immortal Ty Cobb and Rose have ever done better than eight.

Later, Rose tried to put the achievement into perspective.

"I don't know," he said when asked to rank his latest accomplishment. "Nobody else has averaged 198 hits over his career. Maybe, because I've been so close to 200 every year, I don't realize how unusual this is."

"It's nice. You have to get the at-bats, you have to be durable. You can't get hurt and expect to get 200 hits."

Rose is proud of his durability and points to a major league record-tying 12 consecutive years of 600 or more at bats.

"I feel if I get to bat 600 times I'll get my 200 hits," said Rose. "A lot of people counted me out this year and I counted myself out, not because I thought I couldn't do it but because I was getting so many walks."

But Rose caught fire just about a month ago and has banged out 52 hits since Aug. 24.

"It always feels good to have good stats in September," said Rose. "People say you are supposed to be tired."

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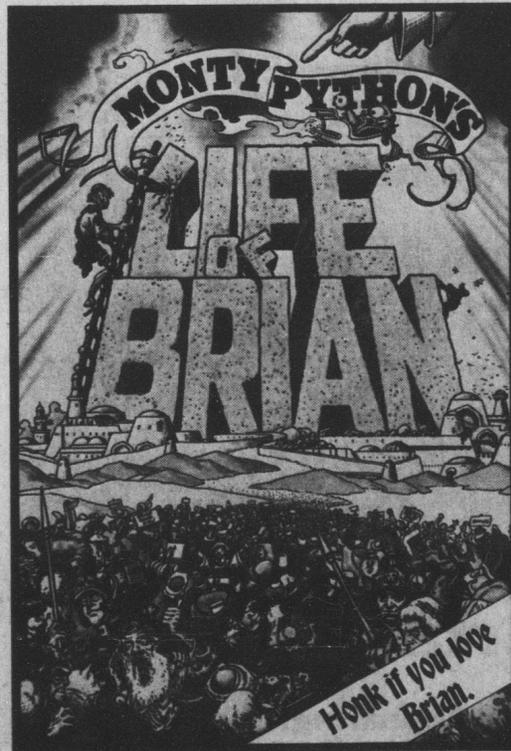
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