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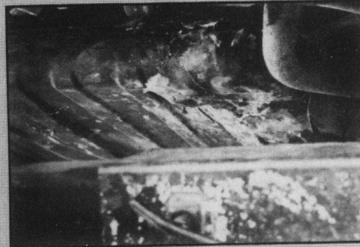
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(Top) Fort Worth fire-fighter W. C. Graham, Fire Department Lt. J. E. Dominey, Pat from Ace Wreckers and an unidentified university maintenance worker inspect a car's leaking gas tank this afternoon on Bowie Drive. The tank had been patched several times (see below), but the fire department had been called in when it began to leak near the Anne Bass Building. (Left) Pat prepares to tow the car to the city's impound lot.



Photos by Jessica Mann



Island dispute disrupts talks for Soviet aid

By LARRY RYCKMAN
Associated Press

MOSCOW — President Boris Yeltsin called off a trip to Japan Wednesday in the face of growing pressure at home and abroad to resolve a dispute over islands claimed by Japan but occupied by the Soviet Union since 1945.

Many Russians had expressed fear that Yeltsin would surrender two of the four Kuril Islands during his three-day trip in exchange for major economic assistance from Japan.

Japan has insisted that the dispute over the Kurils — known in Tokyo as the Northern Territories — be settled before it would contribute large-scale aid to Russia.

The dispute has been the major stumbling block in their relations and prevented the Soviet Union and Japan from signing a treaty formally ending World War II.

Yeltsin's press office blamed "a number of circumstances" for the indefinite postponement of the visit, which had been scheduled to begin Sunday. It did not elaborate but said Russia's foreign minister would continue talks with Japan.

"The president's decision does not affect good neighborly relations with both these states," the statement said.

In Tokyo, Japanese officials expressed regret at the announcement. But Foreign Minister Michio Watanabe said: "We are taking this

calmly." A government statement attributed Yeltsin's decision to "various internal reasons."

Yeltsin spoke by telephone with Japanese Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa for 35 minutes on Wednesday. He also called the president of South Korea, which had been on his itinerary. The Interfax news agency said Yeltsin now planned to go to Seoul in December, combining that visit with a trip to China.

The Kurils consist of 18 main islands in an arc curving from Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula to Japan, separating the Sea of Okhotsk from the Pacific Ocean. Japan claims the southernmost four: Iturup, Kunashir, Shikotan and a cluster of small islands collectively called Habomai. They have a total area of 1,929 square miles, about the size of Delaware.

Russian naval officers say the Ekaterina Straits between the islands provide the only year-round passage for their nuclear submarines. And local officials say the waters produce up to \$1 billion worth of fish a year.

Nationalists and conservatives fear that giving up the islands would set an undesirable precedent for China, the Baltic states and other nations with territorial claims against Russia. Russian hard-liners had threatened to seek Yeltsin's impeachment if he turned over the Kurils.

Honors program retreat to emphasize American spirit

By TARA MALONEY
Special to the Skiff

The Honors Program will kick off the 1992-93 school year with the fall honors retreat on Saturday, Sept. 12 at YMCA Camp Carter. The theme chosen for this year's retreat is "Looking for America."

Akum Norder, a junior journalism/news-editorial major, is the honors retreat chairwoman.

"The theme is a broad one, so discussion will not be limited," Norder said. "There will be different interpretations of the theme — culture, history, the American spirit, politics."

Last year, the retreat was shortened from an overnight event to a daylong retreat.

"Last year was kind of an experiment," Norder said. "It was so successful, that we

decided to keep it at one day this year also. I hope this year goes as well as last year."

They have also decided to add games to the list of the day's events. These games contribute to bonding between team members, Norder said.

"We'll have games such as the scavenger hunt, relay races and the Great American Novel Writing contest," she said.

The retreat will include keynote addresses by Anantha Babbili, chairman of the journalism department, and guest speaker Frank McLemore, president of the Tribal American Network and citizen of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma.

McLemore will discuss "A Tribal Perspective on the Quincentenary" and Babbili will speak on "Looking for America: Reflections on the Idea and the Ideology of the U.S.A."

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AKUM NORDER,
Honors retreat chairwoman

There will also be discussion groups on topics ranging from "From the Outside Looking In" by Fred Toner to "Conforming to the Individualist's Lifestyle" by Gregg Franzwa.

"Students usually don't want to leave the discussion groups," Norder said. "It really makes you feel smart and excited about what you are discussing."

There will also be a Mom and Apple Pie Softball Game between the faculty and the students.

"The faculty usually win this event," said Sally Bohon, assistant to the director of the honors program.

The retreat is open to faculty members, honors students and anyone who else who is interested.

"We've even had high school students attend the retreat, Bohon said."

Bohon, who has worked with the honors program for 16 years, said the deadline to sign up for the retreat is 5 p.m. on Thursday.

"This year's response has been a good one," Bohon said. "There is no limit to the number of people attending the retreat — we had 200 attend some years ago."

Bohon said the average attendance is 130 to 140 people, between the students and fac-

ulty. She said there are usually 20 or more faculty members.

"The retreat allows students to have an opportunity to meet members of the faculty outside the classroom," Bohon said. "They learn to discuss together in an informal arena."

"The retreat accommodates so many different activities," Bohon said. "It is a nice combination between intellectual activities and playing."

Students are asked to go by the Honors Office in Sadler Room 207 to pay the \$5 registration fee and sign up for the individual discussion groups. The \$5 includes the cost of all food and transportation.

Those attending the retreat will meet in front of the Student Center at 8 a.m. to leave for Camp Carter and will return to TCU at 5:15 p.m. — in time for the football game.

Student spends summer teaching schoolchildren in South of France

By KEVIN WHITE
TCU Daily Skiff

Stephanie Donovan, an advertising/public relations-French double major, spent her summer with French children at the Le Balcon de Cerdagne in the South of France.

Donovan taught French children at the school, which is in the town of Font Romeu, about four hours north of Barcelona, Spain.

Donovan studied in Paris from September 1991 to January 1992. She said she was miserable when she returned to the U.S. for the Spring 1992 semester.

"I wrote to a lady I visited while I

was studying in Paris, and she knew someone at this school," Donovan said. "She told me about the job and I sent my resume. I have experience at other camps, so I got the job."

Le Balcon was built in the 1920s as a place for people with tuberculosis to go, Donovan said.

"The Pyrenees are known in the medical world as a great place for people with respiratory problems," she said. "It's something about the altitude."

During the year, Le Balcon serves as a regular school for asthmatic children, Donovan said. She added that many stay through the summer to enjoy different kinds of activities than they experience during the school year.

"Most of the kids at the camp were hard to control," she said. "They didn't get along well with their families or other children."

Donovan said she spent a lot of time hiking, swimming and rappelling. In addition, every week the children had to attend health classes that taught them more about their particular disease.

Donovan said for the first three or four weeks of the summer she taught mostly 16- and 17-year-old students.

"They wanted to know about things in English that they could relate to, like American song lyrics," she said. "They wanted to know what their favorite songs said, and what the lyrics meant."

They also asked about American sports, magazines and foods, she said.

"It was a lot of fun teaching them about American lifestyles," Donovan said.

Her assignment for the remainder of the summer was to look after 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds. Donovan said she was more of a "nanny" than a teacher to these children because their limited attention spans made it hard to teach them effectively.

"It's difficult enough hearing kids whining in English," she said. "But it was very hard to deal with them in



Golden Key advisor Vicky Roper (right) accepts the Key Chapter Award.

Golden Key wins top honors

By REBECCA RAPER
TCU Daily Skiff

The university's chapter of Golden Key National Honor Society received top honors at the national convention awards banquet held on Aug. 8 in Scottsdale, Ariz.

The university was one of only 28 recipients of the Key Chapter

Award, Vicky Roper, program specialist for alcohol and drug education and Golden Key advisor, said.

"Key Chapter is the top award that the society gives out," Roper said.

All 180 member schools are considered in the award process, but only a few are singled out for distinction, she said.

According to Roper, all recipi-

ents must show excellence in five major categories: communication at the local and national level, leadership and support provided by advisors and officers, involvement of honorary members in activities of the chapter, the institution of a successful campus awareness program, and the involvement of

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METROPLEX

Today's weather will be cloudy with a possibility of scattered thunderstorms in the morning and an afternoon high of 87 degrees.

Friday will be partly cloudy with low humidity and a high of 88 degrees.

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CAMPUSlines

CAMPUSlines is provided as a service to the TCU community. Announcements of events, meetings and other general campus information should be brought by the Skiff office, Moudy 291S or sent to TCU Box 32929. The Skiff reserves the right to edit for style and taste.

Society of Professional Journalists will hold their first meeting at 7:00 p.m. today. We will be planning the semester's projects and deciding on guest speakers. New and old members are welcome. The meeting will be in Moudy Building 279S. Call Lisa at the Skiff at 921-7428 for more info.

Fort Worth Audubon Society will present a slide presentation and talk on the ecology and wildlife of Montana at their first yearly meeting. Christi Haag will speak at 7:30 p.m. today in Room 2-114 of the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, Camp Bowie and Montgomery. For information, call Debby Kuennen at 571-1265.

Image Magazine is now accepting short fiction for its fall issue. Stories of 2000 to 4000 words can be submitted to the Image office, Moudy Building Room 293S, by Sept. 15, 1992. Payment upon publication.

International Student Association is holding a reception to welcome all of the new international students and new members of the ISA at 4:00 p.m. today in the Student Center, room 205-206.

Women in Communication, Inc. will hold their first meeting Sept. 15 in Student Center Room 205-206. The speaker will be Debbie Price, columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. The deadline for WICI dinner reservations is 6 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call Kelli Johnson at 923-7038.

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members in chapter activities which benefit the campus and community.

The awards committee reviews scrapbook entries from all chapters to select the ones that deserve the special recognition of a Key Chapter Award, Roper said.

"Part of the membership requirements (for the national organization) is that you submit a scrapbook with descriptions and pictures of all activities," she said. "Each chapter sends one, and they judge from there."

Golden Key National Honor Society has been a part of the university community since its charter in April 1990, Roper said.

"We are probably the youngest chapter to receive a Key Chapter Award this year," she said.

Students can join Golden Key by invitation only, Roper said. Only juniors and seniors in the top 15 percent of their respective classes who maintain at least a 3.4 grade point average and have earned at least 60 hours of credit are eligible, she said.

Once inducted for membership, students may join committees such as service, publicity, membership drive, fund raising, and the Best of America, she said.

The Best of America program is one of the organization's more notable endeavors, Roper said.

"The program which has received the most national and local attention is the peer-education, Best of America program," she said. "We have teams of students that go into local elementary and high schools and talk to students about drug and alcohol awareness and meeting goals and that kind of thing."

HELPlines

The Volunteer Center, a service of the United Way, needs volunteers. The center can be reached at 860-1613 for information about the following or other opportunities.

Volunteers are needed at the Fort Worth Rehabilitation Hospital to help with physical rehabilitation. Call 370-4700 and ask about the volunteer program.

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French." "It was a very rewarding experience," Donovan said. "I really loved it. It taught me a lot about how to communicate better with people. It especially helped my French."

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STEPHANIE DONOVAN, Student teacher in France

"When I went to the grocery store after I got home, and I tried to ask where something was, I couldn't remember how to say it in English," she said.

"Coming back to the states was like being thrown into reality," Donovan said. "I was in the mountains all summer, surrounded by gorgeous wildflowers. Having to come back to school and think about graduation was a shock to my system."

Donovan said after graduating in December, she would like to find a job that would give her the opportunity to travel to France or French-speaking regions.

"I'll definitely go back to France," she said. "I'm afraid I'm going to lose the mastery of the language. I've been talking to myself so that won't happen."

Donovan is originally from Oyster Bay, N.Y. She said she came to TCU because she wanted to experience something new.

"I always get myself into these situations because I want to do something totally unlike anything I've ever done before," she said. "That's how I got to Texas and that's how I ended up at Le Balcon de Cerdagne."

Insanity Fair

by Joe Barnes



Siege

by Andy Grieser and Kall Loper



Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



It brings out the best in all of us.

What's news? Find out in the TCU Daily Skiff

15% OFF with TCU ID at HO HO Chinese Restaurant. Join us for good food and service. All you can eat buffet Lunch \$4.75 Dinner \$5.95. Free Delivery \$10 minimum. 1601-D Park Place (between 8th & Forest Park). Expires 9/30/92.

Summer's not over yet... Buy one dessert, get one FREE! Marble Slab Ice Cream Cake \$1 OFF. Treat yourself to these great deals from Marble Slab Creamery. 5427-A S. Hulen 370-0054. Expires 10/5/92.

Sammy's Salon 5817 Westcreek Blvd. 294-8670. Back to School Special Perms \$37.50 with haircut. Hours: Tues., Fri. 9-6; Wed., Thurs. 9-8; Sat 9-5.

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Opinion

Cheerleader knows 50-yard line shouldn't be fashion show runway

Our first home football game is this Saturday against Western Michigan, and I have been trying to encourage new students to attend. For many of them this will be their very first time witnessing a Division I, NCAA game and all the excitement that accompanies it: the band, cheerleaders, Superfrog, showgirls, the fans...

The fans. Such an interesting topic to ponder. I've been able to experience fans from two perspectives: from the stands and from the sidelines. My least favorite experience happened as a freshman when I was in the stands. I attended every game I could, and my friends and I would sit in the student section to enjoy the game.

After jumping to our feet to cheer and noticing that we were the only ones who stood up with such frequency, I realized



MICHELLE SMITH

this crowd surrounding me (most often in their seats) was a reactionary crowd; they had to see something big happen. They would only cheer if we made a touchdown or if a player in a purple uniform did something extra stupid like fumble the ball or

throw an interception. Other than that, the fans paid more attention to each other — eating, socializing and criticizing everyone

in a purple and white uniform. Unaware of the new collegiate trends, I (like the freshman I was) cheered with the band and cheerleaders. They seemed to be working so hard to get the crowd going. They even looked happy doing it. And once, apparently, I cheered a little too loudly, and some upperclassman (upperclassperson?) looked back at me and said, pointing to the cheerleaders, "You look like you're having fun. Maybe you should go join them down there."

What's that supposed to mean? The only people that should cheer at a game are the cheerleaders? Doesn't that go against the whole meaning of the word cheerleader; it's hard to have those without cheerleaders.

Actually, the look these girls gave me

and my friends was belittling. It said, "You are just overzealous freshmen. This isn't high school. We don't yell here at TCU. We just *style*. That's unless there's a big play. Then we yell together 'cause then we can all stand up and show our new Harold's outfits, and that's cool."

"We don't stay for the entire game, especially if we are losing by a lot, the temperature is below 40 degrees, the rain is ruining our outfits or our friends decide to break into that keg a little early at the after game party (which actually happens before the end of the game when we sing the alma mater that we don't know the words to anyway)."

My friends and I didn't fit into this apathetic crowd. In fact most of us won't even sit in the student section. We sit on the

alumni side where it's okay to yell and have fun and actually know the words to the alma mater. I took the upperclassman's advice, and now I watch the fashion show from the sidelines.

I hope new students can resist being socialized into becoming the common TCU fan. New students can set a new trend by ignoring those looks when yelling for the Frogs. Just remember how hard the athletes are working. And while I don't claim to bleed purple, I try to remember that those players deserve our undying support for the broken bones they sustain and the red blood they sometimes bleed all in the name of TCU.

Michelle Smith is a member of this year's varsity cheerleading squad.

Sinful sacred cow sacrificed on altar of new 'fat free' marketing ploy

Nothing is sacred. Hershey Foods Corporation — those wonderful people who gave us the Hershey's chocolate bar, Hershey's kisses, and Hershey's chocolate syrup among other things — have begun selling a reduced-fat, lower calorie chocolate bar.

This is ridiculous. Chocolate was meant to be a rich, delicious sin. It was a reward, a present. When I was a child my mother would let us take Hershey's chocolate bars and dip them into Peter Pan peanut butter. To many people nowadays this would be seen as an act of war.

I can see it now. "Do you realize that peanut butter is nothing but fat, and that a Hershey's chocolate bar has 12 grams of fat?!"

Honestly, I know that peanut butter is all fat, and I pride myself in the fact that I have no idea how many fat grams are in anything.

This whole fat free thing bothers me almost as much as being politically correct does. (Let's face it: being polite is one thing, being euphemistic is another — but that's another issue entirely.)

I have always joked that I should get a shirt that says "I am fat free," because it would be a *surefire* way to attract women. Sarcasm is one thing, but last week I saw a guy wearing one. This is getting out of hand.

Two examples. I cooked dinner for a girl at her apartment. I am somewhat health conscious. I cut the skin off of chicken (unless it's fried), and I don't cook with salt or butter.

However I do not look to see if the ingredients I am using are fat free.

While looking for a pot to boil water in, I had to go through her cabinets. Everything in her cabinets had some sort of "fat-free, reduced calorie, low cholesterol, new and improved, healthier living" banner on it. In two words: marketing ploy.

Using marketing ploy as a key term, let me introduce the second example.

I went to rent a movie with some friends late one night. It was the perfect time for snacking, so I got the movie, and they got the food.

They came back with fat free fiber bars, fat free cereal, skim milk, apples and baked — not fried — chips. None of this bothered me.

I like all of those foods. What was interesting is that they told me they bought those foods because they were "watching their diet." Funny thing was they each ate an apple, a bowl of cereal and two fat free fiber bars ("I can eat as much as I want, it's fat free.") and we polished off the bag of chips.

Now, correct me if I'm wrong, but fat in small doses is essential for your body to produce energy. Also, doesn't the amount of food you eat affect your weight just as much, if not more, than the amount of fat grams?

But back to the candy bar thing. This is going way too far. They did it with ice cream, and I lived with it. I still prefer leaded Blue Bell to unleaded Blue Bell, but if people want to eat unleaded that's fine with me.

But chocolate. Come on now. You have to have some vices. What's wrong with fat that has been molded into a candy bar? What's wrong with waking up in the middle of the night and having a glass of chocolate milk — preferably whole, not skim?

The answer is: Nothing. One of my favorite Bloom County cartoons deals with this issue. It mentions a number of diets, like the grapefruit diet, to a group of dieters. Then it mentions "How about eat less and exercise?" The dieters run off in a panic.

Before fat free came about people used to eat full meals with desserts. They also walked a lot and played outside.

So walk a little more and play a few more sports (Nintendo baseball doesn't count), then reward yourself with a chocolate bar.

Leaded of course.

David Wells is a junior English and journalism double major, although he's pondering becoming a political science and English double major. Either way, David's from Austin and he is not on a diet.

PURPLE POLL

Would you ride a shuttle bus between Worth Hills and main campus?



Yes
74

No
26

Today's Purple Poll question was asked of 100 students at the Worth Hills cafeteria on Tuesday evening.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Escape fear

Alright, don't think that for a moment I don't realize the fear that women have of dark alleys, parking lots and staying home all alone. I also realize the horror and atrocity of rape; but I'm not a female. I'm just a guy who doesn't necessarily agree with Lisa Yonco's assumption that men "want nothing more than to satisfy their overactive male hormones," as she stated in the Sept. 9 issue of the *Skiff*.

Nor do I agree with the statement that men "want nothing more than sex." Call me a sensitive man. Call me whatever you want, just don't be afraid of me. Lisa concluded her column stating her fear (and that of all women) of "the entire population of the opposite sex."

I realize what a big impression the story about the intoxicated young lady made on you; however, even that little incident could have been avoided. You yourself said you go home at night with an escort and your mace, which means you know how to safeguard against danger.

Being drunk and lying naked on a bed as that young lady did doesn't exactly avert problematic situations.

I'm not saying that a man has the right to violate a woman just because she's vulnerable — it's just that women need to be cautious of their surroundings. If they have enough responsibility and confidence in their actions, they don't have to live in utter fear.

By the way, use your brain and not your "you-know-whats" when it comes to the opposite sex. Remember: they have every right to be afraid; my point is that they don't necessarily have to.

Adrian Gonzalez
freshman advertising public relations major

Appreciation

This letter is to recognize the efforts of the International Students Office in helping international students like me. Al Mladenka and Ken Bus, along with Rita Coddington and Dolores Humphries, have always been extremely helpful and courteous.

I would like to thank them for taking care of our needs.

The ISA reception hosted for the new students was excellent. On behalf of the old international students I extend a warm welcome to all the new students. We hope you have a great time at TCU. Just a gentle warning, however. Do Let Mr. Mladenka know before you do anything! I also encourage other students to join the ISA — it's a great way to learn history, sociology and geography of other countries for free.

I wish Mr. Mladenka and his team all the best in all their efforts. Remember, we do appreciate what your office is doing for us.

Radhika Parameswaran
graduate in media studies

Right on

Elizabeth Lunday's Sept. 4 column should be required reading for the TCU community. The opportunities available to women today did not just happen spontaneously — they are a direct consequence of the efforts of feminists over the decades. We should not only accomplish their efforts; we should celebrate all they have accomplished.

When I entered the accounting profession in 1970, I would guess that less than 5 percent of the entry-level positions were filled by women. Women in senior positions were all but non-existent. Today, nearly half of the entry-level positions are being filled by women. Women are still not adequately represented in senior positions, but there is no denying the progress that has been made.

Similar progress has been made in many other fields. As Miss Lunday points out, we must not take the current situation for granted and should "thank a feminist" for the opportunities available to women and men as a result of the feminist movement. My compliments to her and the *Skiff* for this thoughtful treatment of an important issue.

Roger L. Vigeland
Chair, accounting department

Thanks

I am writing to thank Michelle Smith for the article stating that God should be left out of the political campaigns.

Everyone tries to get God on their side. Athletes thank God for letting their team win. One year in the National Football Conference championship game when the New York Giants played the San Francisco 49ers, the Giants were in a prayer meeting before a field goal was attempted. The Giants won, and the players' prayers were answered. But what about the 49ers? I guess God didn't want the 49ers to win.

I believe God is a God who is on the side of humankind, not a God who chooses sides. I believe what my best friend told me when one is sad or depressed: remember God is the one who cried first.

Nova Johnson
Controller's office

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Affirmative action only way to attain equal opportunity

'Networking' not an option for some

Affirmative action focuses on meritocracy. Martin Luther King Jr. said one should be judged "on the content of his character, not the color of his skin," the essence of meritocracy. Affirmative action is not, and should not be thought of as, a quota system. The program's efforts have expanded job opportunities for blacks, Hispanics, Native Americans, women, the elderly and the disabled. The program's success, however, is most evident with African Americans.

Mignon Williams, a black marketing executive in Rochester, N.Y., was able to rise from a saleswoman to division vice president in only 13 years because of a plan her company followed to hire more women and minorities. She said affirmative action "opened the door, but it's not a free pass." Additionally, affirmative action gave Stuart Rhodes, a black graduate of the University of Maine, a second chance. Rhodes had been turned down at a reputable accounting firm in New York but returned to the same firm when affirmative action programs began to benefit minorities. He was not only accepted into the firm but has progressed to a managing partner.

Accompanying these success stories are incidents of reverse effects. Jim Crosgrove, a black veteran of the Chicago police force for 19 years, was passed over for promotion to sergeant by as many as 150 minorities and women who scored lower on their tests for promotion than he did. Additionally, a black professor told the *Wall Street Journal*, "Affirmative action robs us of our dignity. It says somehow color, not our hard work, can bring us advancements."

Another criticism of affirmative action programs lies with preferential admission of minorities into colleges. At the University of California-Berkeley, blacks need to meet a minimum GPA of 2.78 for admission while whites and Asians must meet a 3.7 average.

Despite the conflict, special preference based on ethnicity in admissions is necessary so that America does not end up with millions of under-educated, disillusioned and unproductive minority citizens. Black college enrollment peaked in 1980 but has declined since then.

What affirmative action programs actually do is help minorities get their feet in the door. Yet, even with hard work, minorities are still losing. Black unemployment is now approaching 13 percent and is rising faster than white unemployment (5.8 percent).

So, what can we do to help minorities succeed? In the workplace, the only way to solve racial problems is for whites to accept blacks into the mainstream and for blacks to enter it. Randall Kennedy, a black Harvard law professor, said only by interacting more will the races learn "workaday black people's aims and understanding aren't very different from white America's."

Despite this goal of sameness, we live in a society plagued by racial intolerance, and it will continue to exist unless action is taken to represent the rights of minorities. The success of affirmative action is that minorities have access to colleges, graduate schools, jobs and promotions. These may have been denied otherwise.

Privileged individuals are accepted into universities and are moved up in corporations through "networking." The underprivileged seldom have such opportunities or connections. As long as networking exists, so should affirmative action.

Americans are upset with the use of quota systems, which they incorrectly view as affirmative action. Because we don't advance individuals on merit alone the underprivileged are denied the same opportunities as others. Until we live in a world devoid of prejudice, it is only through programs like affirmative action that the best qualified have the chance to succeed.

Ben Hall is a junior psychology major and secretary of the Interfraternity Council.



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News

TCU dancers debut in Deep Ellum

By CARRIE BREWER
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Eight university dance students twisted, turned and leaped into the Dallas professional modern dance scene at the Undermain Theater in Deep Ellum.

The students performed in "Black Magic" by choreographer Holly Williams. The piece was one of seven in the program "Dances by Holly Williams" on Aug. 28, 29 and 30 in the 60-seat theater.

Senior modern dance majors Jamie Drake and Eric Salisbury both said they enjoyed the professionalism of the performance in Dallas.

"It was refreshing to meet new people and work in a different envi-

ronment," Salisbury said.

Also performing with Drake and Salisbury were sophomore Cecelia Heimbach, junior Heather Coomer, senior Andrew Parkhurst, 1992 graduate Michelle Adams and graduate student Michele Manley.

"It really says something for TCU's dance department that such a big name person like Holly Williams chose TCU students to be in her show," Salisbury said.

In "Black Magic," the dancers, dressed in subdued blues, used brightly colored scarves and wavelike movements to interpret the Tony Bennett tunes.

In one part of the piece, the dancers tied the scarves around their necks and acted out the words of a comical blues tune about going

to jail. The audience chuckled along with the interpretation.

"Black Magic" is a fun, entertaining piece that does not require intense dissection to understand the meaning, Drake said.

"This piece always gets a big response from the audience," she said. "It's kind of like comic relief."

"Black Magic" was originally choreographed for university dance students in the fall semester of 1991, Drake said. Williams was a guest artist for five to six weeks and taught a few classes in modern dance.

The modern dance department took the piece to the American Collegiate Dance Festival last March in New Orleans, Drake said. The

group was invited to perform the piece at the National Collegiate Dance Festival in May in Phoenix.

Salisbury said performing at the national level was a blast and that the town was very receptive to the whole festival.

Salisbury also appeared in Williams' opening piece, titled "Herald." The dancers were clad in white and the moves were playful and classical, he said.

Salisbury said Williams called him this summer to perform in one of her newest works.

"After a summer of gut-wrenching modern dance, it was great to perform in a feel-good piece like 'Herald' showing an angelic and supportive side," he said.

Sorority wins award at convention debut

By Shu Xie
TCU Daily Skiff

This summer, the Iota Lambda chapter of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority received one of the Foundation Awards presented during the sorority's national convention.

The Foundation Award is given to various sorority chapters based on their monetary contributions to the Foundation itself. Sheree Helge, the president of the TCU chapter, said that the Foundation uses the contributions to help past and present Alpha Chi Omega members.

In addition to scholarships, the foundation money helps to fund the Maedowell artist colony in Peterborough, New Hampshire. The colony has housed artists from all fields and vocations.

The TCU chapter acquired its monetary donations through fees and fund raisers. The award was presented to approximately 35 out of about 137 different chapters nationwide.

The award was won at the first convention the Iota Lambda chapter has ever attended. The Iota Lambda

chapter was started on campus two years ago.

"We feel that this is a very special award that we have won considering how young we are," Helge said.

The convention was held in Saint Louis, Mo. from June 19 to June 23. The national Alpha Chi Omega convention is held every two years in different cities across the country. Iota Lambda sent four representatives to the Saint Louis convention. Alpha Chi Omega alumni Tracy Caldwell, Marie Roberts, and Paula Fultz attended the convention along with collegiate representative Sheree Helge.

The TCU chapter is looking forward to the next convention to be held in Dallas in 1994, Helge said.

Alpha Chi Omega was founded in Indiana in 1885 and now has chapters nationwide.

"We are now in every state except Alaska," Sarah Yoest, vice president of Alpha Chi Omega fraternity relations, said.

Alpha Chi Omega has plans to join the Greek society at SMU in the fall of 1994, Helge said.

Democrats, Republicans vie for Texan votes

By MICHAEL HOLMES
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Hispanic Democrats announced Wednesday a get-up-vote drive they said could provide the winning margin for Bill Clinton in November.

Texas Republicans, meanwhile, said recent opinion polls show that President Bush is overcoming Clinton's earlier lead in the president's adopted home state.

Democrats described their new effort as crucial to Clinton's campaign in the state.

Beginning Saturday, it will concentrate on about 30 Texas counties and be designed to register Hispanic voters and get them to the polls on Nov. 3.

State Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, said the ticket of Clinton and Al Gore is particularly attractive to Hispanic voters.

"We have not seen this much excitement in the Hispanic community since John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson" in 1960, he said.

Of the approximately 1.5 million eligible Hispanic voters in Texas, Barrientos said, "I would hope we could register 60 to 70 percent, and of that 90 percent (of the vote) for Clinton-Gore."

Barrientos and Roberto Alonzo, president of Mexican American Democrats and leader of the Adelante con Clinton (Forward With Clinton) effort, said that Texas, California and several other states with large numbers of Hispanic voters could be the key to a Clinton victory.

Of the 270 electoral votes needed to win the presidency, Barrientos said, 201 of those come from states "highly influenced" by Hispanic voters.

"In the 1990s, Hispanics have emerged as a strong electoral force which can determine the outcome," he said.

Alonzo noted that opinion polls in Texas show a potentially close race between Clinton and Bush.

"The polls are close," he said. "That's what's going to make a significant difference. Whatever extra we do is going to count."

State Rep. Renato Cuellar, D-Weslaco, said campaign issues, particularly the economy, help Clinton with Hispanic voters.

Since 1980, "the other side has asked if you're better off than you

were four years ago," he said.

"You're not hearing that any more."

In Houston, officials of the GOP's Victory '92 campaign arm said Wednesday that recent opinion polls are proof Bush has regained momentum and erased a big Clinton lead in Texas.

A Rice University survey released just before the GOP National Convention last month had shown Clinton ahead by 17 percentage points. But a Dallas Morning News Poll published on Sunday showed that margin down to two points, said Rob Mosbacher, Victory '92 chairman.

"The president has erased a 17-point deficit in the last three weeks and is on schedule to put Texas in the win column for keeps in the next month," Mosbacher said.

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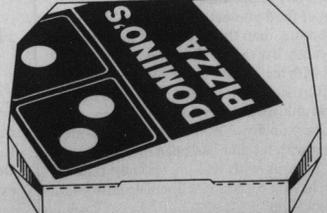
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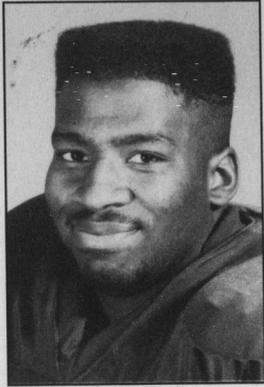
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Bolden endures, triumphs on and off field

By RICK WATERS
TCU Daily Skiff



TUNJI BOLDEN

To the average TCU fan sitting sections up in Amon-Carter stadium, defensive co-captain Tunji Bolden has been a mainstay on the gridiron.

Down after brutal down, the senior defensive end consistently pressures quarterbacks and corrals running backs. All the while, fighting off some of college football's finest offensive linemen.

However, there is so much more beneath the #91 on Bolden's jersey.

At the ripe old age of 21 and married, Bolden is one of the elder statesmen on the 1992 Horned Frogs squad. However, you won't hear any of his teammates calling him "over the hill." Bolden is far from losing his desire to win.

"Everybody's goal, the team's and mine, is synonymous," Bolden said. "We're out there to win."

Last season Bolden recorded 6.5 sacks and 51 tackles, 13 of those counting for losses. He also created three fumbles and logged 24 quarterback pressures. A similar campaign this season should make him a lock for all-conference recognition.

Among the accolades, the humble

Bolden simply wants to be the best player he can be.

"If you want to lead the nation in sacks or whatever, then you just play hard and be the best leader and player you can be," Bolden said. "If you do all that, then the awards and recognition will come around."

Bolden and the defense have

reacted well to all the changes head coach Pat Sullivan has introduced in 1992.

"All the changes — the new uniforms, the new field, the new scoreboard, new offense and defense — are for the better," Bolden said. "They've all been well received and everybody has done their best to adjust."

However, transition in Tunji Bolden's life hasn't come just from the gridiron.

Last spring, an automotive factory in Ypsilanti, Michigan, Bolden's hometown, was shut down in favor of keeping a similar factory in Arlington open.

The close of the plant affected Bolden's family life, but things could have been worse.

"Bernadette's (his wife) parents live near the plant," Bolden said. "Fortunately, no one close to me was affected too adversely. Still, anytime you close a big plant like that it hurts everybody in terms of the economy."

Bolden is not only concerned about the factory's termination because of his family, but also because he plans to return to Michigan after this season, unless he goes pro.



TCU Daily Skiff/ Brian McClean

TCU defensive end and co-captain Tunji Bolden is the inspirational leader of the Horned Frog defense. TCU opens its home schedule this Saturday versus Western Michigan.

"After this season is over, I just want to heal up," Bolden said. "If there is a chance for me to go pro, then I'll prepare for that. If not, then I'll get a job and go back to Michigan, depending on how employment prospects are around here."

Bolden earned his B.A. in history last May and is doing graduate work this semester.

For now though, Tunji Bolden is primarily concerned with helping the Horned Frogs contend for the SWC crown, a race he sees as close.

"Everybody's doing their best to catch the team to beat and that is A&M right now," Bolden said. "It's going to be close and we'll just take it from week to week."

After the final minute is played

and the gun is fired to end his TCU football career, what will Tunji Bolden be remembered by most?

"I just want people to remember that I tried to be the best person and leader I could be," Bolden said. "That I always gave 100 percent on and off the field."

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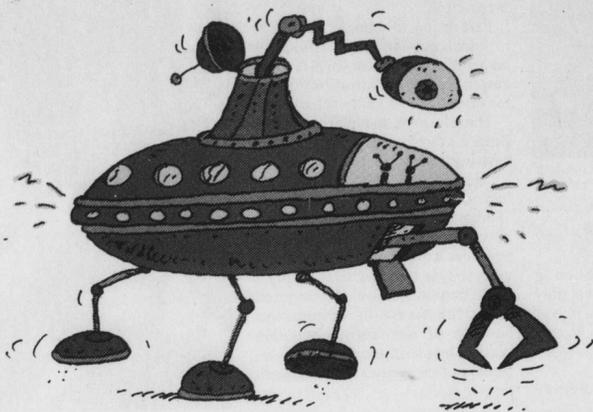
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