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Students from Thai Folk Drama Troupe perform a flower blessing dance Saturday in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium.

Warning issued after flasher sighted in Reed

By LIZ CARDENAS
TCU Daily Skiff

A university student saw a man exposing himself in front of a second-floor window at 3:30 p.m. Saturday in Reed Hall.

A campus police officer later stopped a man who had matched the suspect's description and issued him a criminal trespass warning.

According to campus police reports, the officer noticed a white middle-aged male walking briskly west on the sidewalk in front of Moncrief. The man's right front pocket was hanging out of his jeans, and his shirt was only partially tucked in, the report said.

According to the report, the officer stopped to investigate because the suspect's description matched the flasher's description, as well as "previous descriptions (of similar incidents) over the years that generally fit the (suspect's) description . . ." The report said the man, 51, had a small frame and a pot belly. Also, the suspect's location in relation to the time the call was placed was a factor, the report said.

The witness, who asked to remain anonymous, was walking along the

sidewalk in front of Reed Hall, coming from the area near Ed Landreth Hall and Jarvis Hall.

The witness said she saw a man revealing his lower body in front of a window with the shades pulled to his chest. She said he did not see her look at him.

She said she heard a knocking on the window and assumed it was the man because she had heard from friends that flashers do that to attract people's attention.

She acted as if she did not hear him so he would not run away, she said.

The witness then went to the information desk inside the Student Center and had the attendant call Campus Police, she said. An officer came to the Student Center to meet with the witness, the police report said.

She said the officer drove with her past the alleged suspect. The witness said based on what she saw in the window, the suspect could have been the man she saw in Reed Hall.

There were two contributing factors to why Campus Police were able to stop the man, said Oscar Stewart, Campus Police chief.

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Duck conservation organization migrates to campus

By ALAN PARRY
TCU Daily Skiff

Students have formed a local chapter of Ducks Unlimited, an international wetlands conservation and duck-hunting group.

"DU's members are conservationists," said Gordon Glade, one of the founders.

"I have talked to many females and non-hunters who are also very interested in our organization," said Tony Bolding, another founder. "It's not just TCU students, either. There are many prominent Fort Worth citizens interested, too."

Bolding, Glade, Lee Casey, Ross Redden and David Wells have been working together since late July to get a chapter at the university. They

said they received support from the University of Texas chapter, the Southern Methodist University chapter and the local Fort Worth chapter.

The group will be holding a banquet Nov. 6 to raise funds for the organization.

Tickets to the banquet are \$45 and will be on sale at a table in the Student Center five weeks prior to the banquet date. The price covers dinner for two and a one-year membership to the TCU chapter of Ducks Unlimited.

The price for a second membership is \$20.

"We have a lot of funny games and stuff to raise money for our cause," Bolding said.

Events will include a live auction, a silent auction, door prizes and a "duck lottery."

Items to be auctioned include shot-guns, decoys, duck calls, prints, brands and a guided duck hunt.

Ducks Unlimited is the largest private sector waterfowl conservation organization in the world. A full 75 percent of the organization's income is from fund-raisers like the banquet. The goal is to put 80 cents of every dollar raised towards their habitat programs.

"This is a non-profit organization, all the money that we are making does not go to us, it goes to the national organization," Glade said.

The national organization was founded Jan. 29, 1937, in Washington D.C. by Joseph Palmer. In its first year, the organization had 7,000 members and raised \$90,000. Today, the organization has over half a mil-

lion members and has raised about \$650 million to conserve over five million total acres of wetlands.

Ducks Unlimited works internationally but focuses on North America, especially Canada, which produces almost 70 percent of North America's waterfowl, according to a Ducks Unlimited pamphlet.

Ducks Unlimited works to provide protected upland breeding and nesting sites and shallow brood-rearing ponds in Canada. In Mexico and the United States, they try to provide places for the birds in the winter and stopping places along their migratory corridors, the pamphlet said.

Ducks Unlimited has provided habitats for over 600 species, including deer, game birds, plants, reptiles, amphibians, and fish. Endangered

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GORDAN GLADE,
Ducks unlimited co-founder

species which are protected include the whooping crane, the bald eagle, the peregrine falcon, the piping plover and the least tern, the pamphlet said.

Ducks Unlimited works with NASA to identify endangered wetland ecosystems with satellite images.

Wetlands are used for recreation, recharging groundwater supplies, water purification and flood control.

Ducks Unlimited also played a role in the signing of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, an agreement between Canada, Mexico and the United States that protects almost six million acres of habitat, according to Ducks Unlimited literature.

Besides the November banquet, the members of the group said they hope to have other fund-raisers, including golf tournaments, hunting and fishing trips and a casino party in the spring.

The student/faculty advisor for the group is Harry Opperman, assistant professor of English.

Counseling Center offers support group for sex abuse victims

By JENNIFER SCOTT
TCU Daily Skiff

The university's Counseling Center is forming a group to help adults overcome the effects of childhood sexual abuse.

The group, which will meet Sept. 29, will be a way for people to feel safe and receive support from other sexual abuse survivors, said Dorothy M. Barra, facilitator of the group.

"The group setting will help them break the silence and reduce the secrecy and isolation they have lived with."

DOROTHY M. BARRA,
Group facilitator

suites for the group environment.

Anyone affiliated with the university is eligible to join the group, including both male and female students, faculty and staff, she said.

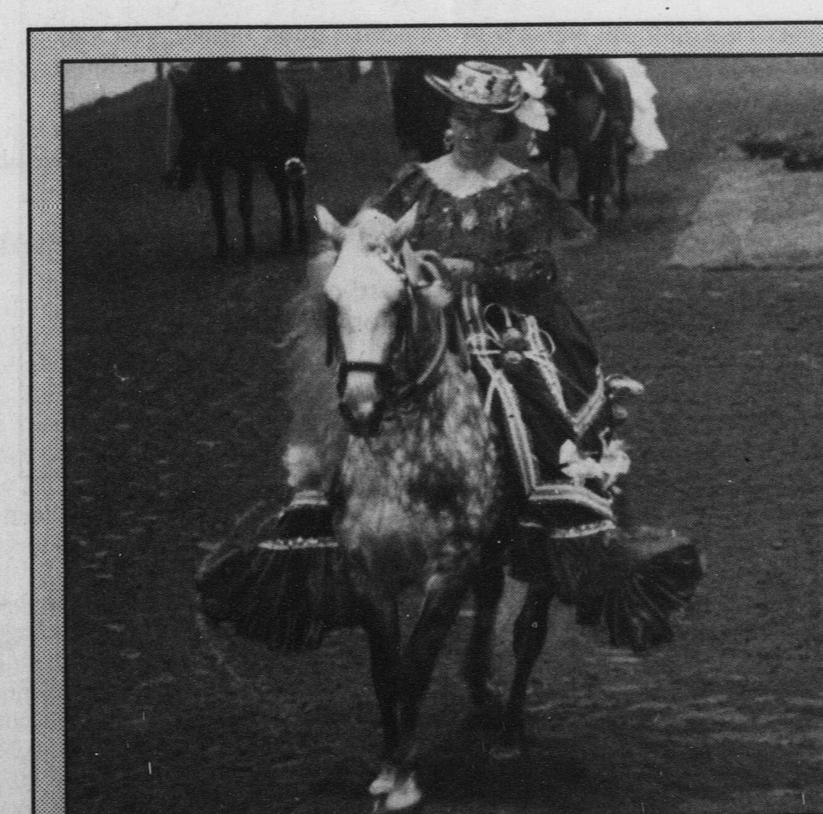
"I would like to keep the group small, around six to eight people, since it's an actual therapy session," Barra said. "If we decide that the applicants aren't ready for the group, I will work with them individually. No one will be denied treatment."

Barra said she plans to start another group in the spring semester to help survivors of any type of dysfunctional family, but for now she intends to focus all of her attention to the problem of sexual abuse.

"People are beginning to notice that sexual abuse takes many forms, both mental and physical, and they are just starting to realize the long-term effects," she said.

Barra is available at 921-7863 for more information about application procedures for the group and the time and location of the meetings.

Barra received a number of calls from people wanting to join the group before she began advertising last week, she said. She is now in the process of interviewing and screening the applicants to see who is best



TCU Daily Skiff/ Catherine Fuss
The Grand Entry Parade at the Paso Fino Horse Show presents competitors from around the world.

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METROPLEX

Today's weather will be sunny, with mild temperatures, low humidity and a high of 82 degrees.
Thursday will be sunny with a high of 84 degrees.

care," he said. "If the student body doesn't care then we don't have to make an issue out of it."

House members will set up a table in front of the main cafeteria in the Student Center for students wishing to sign the petition. Members will accept signatures from 11 a.m. to 12

“We have shown support for him by doing the Frog Walk, so we think he will show us the same support."

BEN HALL,
Students Concerns Chair

p.m. Wednesday through next Tuesday.

House members will also circulate the petition around campus.

Later in the meeting, members unanimously approved a resolution that attempts to encourage students to register to vote.

University Relations Chair D'Shawn Yeager told members that endorsing this resolution was important.

"Too many college students don't vote because they aren't registered anymore when they move to college," Yeager said.

A table will be set up in front of the main cafeteria from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday through Friday to register students to vote.

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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, Moody 2915 or sent to TCU Box 32929. The *Skiff* reserves the right to edit for style and taste.

F. Reese Harvey and Edgar Odell Lovett, professor of mathematics of Rice University, will give a lecture entitled "The Twin Paradox and Soap Bubbles" at 4 p.m. today in Winton Scott Hall Room 145. Refreshments will be served at 3:30 p.m. in Gauss Common Room 171. All are welcome.

Adult Children of Alcoholics groups are being organized at the Counseling Center. Call Larry Withers at 921-7863.

TCU Counseling Center will offer students an "Interpersonal Growth Group" once again this semester. Relationships, or lack of them will be worked on with Dr. John Schuster and Dr. Lisa Rollins-Garcia. This is an opportunity to sharpen up your "people skills" in a supportive and friendly atmosphere. Call the Counseling Center by Friday for a brief screening appointment.

Disciples Student Network: All Disciples of Christ and other interested students are invited to an area-wide student games night at the Rickel this Sunday, Sept. 27, at 6 p.m. This event is sponsored by Central, South Hills and University Christian Churches.

Society of Physics Students has planned a few events, starting with a movie marathon on Friday Sept. 18. Call 923-6709 or 468-8804.

Trumpeter honored in faculty concerts

By CARRIE BREWER
TCU Daily Skiff

Members of the music department are honoring Latin-American musician Rafael Mendez in two programs for the global theme semester.

Michael Meckna, associate professor of musicology, will give a lecture titled "Rafael Mendez: Veneration and Prejudice" at noon Sept. 30 in Ed Landreth Hall Room 103.

Meckna said his lecture will explore Mendez's career as a trumpet player who was admired by his peers but ignored by scholars. The lecture will include recordings of Mendez's playing.

Steve Weger, assistant professor of trumpet, played Mendez's "La Virgen de la Macarena," a bull-fighter's prayer, at the TCU Music Series on Monday in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium.

Mendez was a famous trumpet player in the 1950s and 1960s, Weger said. Mendez played in Pancho Villa's band after Pancho Villa captured the Mendez family when Rafael was six years old, he said.

"This tune is very special to me because he (Mendez) came to my home when I was little and played

this piece," he said.

The TCU Music Series highlights a different faculty member each Monday night. The concerts are open to the campus and the public at no charge. KTCU broadcasts the concerts live every Monday.

Kenneth Raessler, chairman of the music department, said the performing faculty members are all trying to incorporate a song or two for the global semester into their programs.

"You really can get top quality performers for nothing," Raessler said. "This is the best bargain in town as far as the cultural scene goes."

The premiere of the concert series was a vocal performance on Sept. 14 by Vincent Russo, assistant professor of voice.

Russo performed a variety of music, including the "Eight Epitaphs" by Theodore Chanler and a French cantata with accompaniment from baroque instruments.

Some of the other programs of the concert series this semester will be the TCU Chamber Orchestra, the TCU Trio, the Chamber Winds and a guitar recital by Chip Christ.

The next performance will be a clarinet and saxophone recital by Gary Whitman, assistant professor of woodwinds, on Sept. 28.

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officers when this situation happened and the second was how the student handled the situation," he said. "A lot of the success was because the student played it cool."

Stewart said he wants to commend the student because, if she would have acknowledged the flasher and

prompted him to run away earlier, Campus Police would have been left with no suspects.

The efforts of students such as reporting incidents immediately help campus police do their job, he said.

Further investigation is being done by the Fort Worth Police department.

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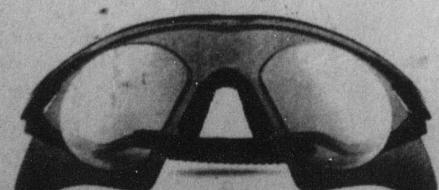
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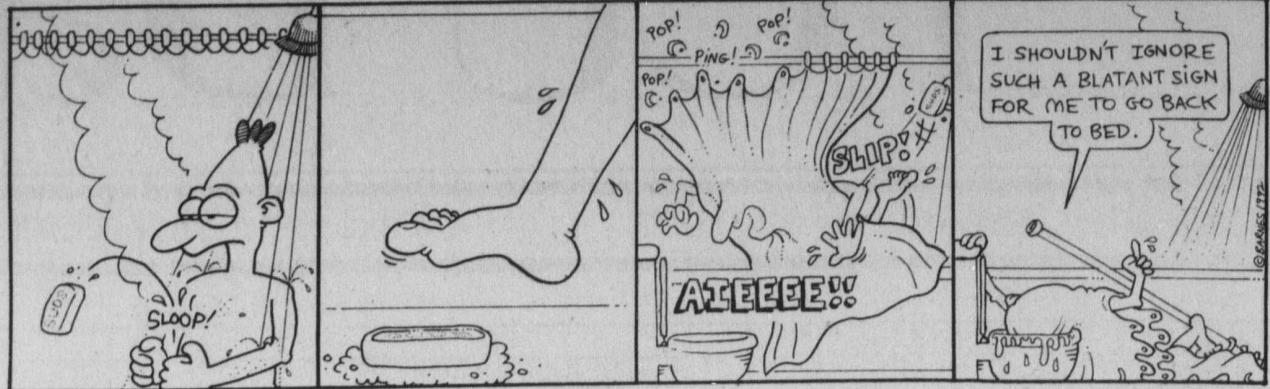
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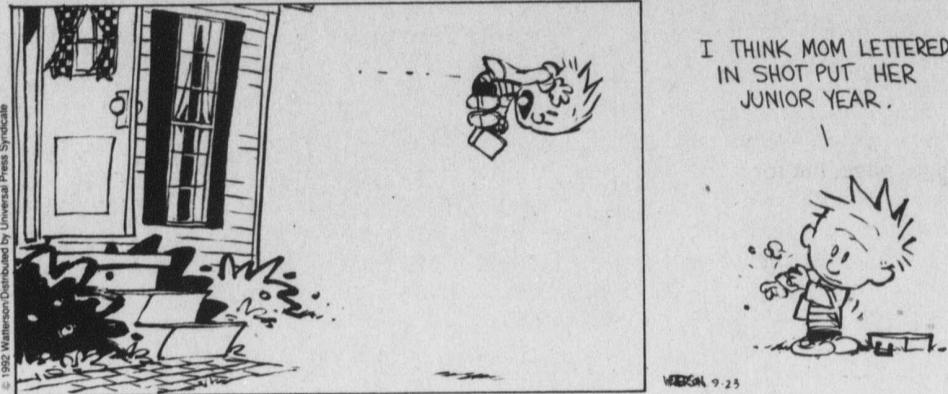
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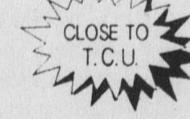
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Opinion

Editors' decision to run accident photo reminds all of tragic loss

Last week, while we were in the final stages of putting together the 90th anniversary edition of the *Skiff*, I came across a photo taken Nov. 17, 1991.

There were no people in the photo, no cuddly animals or beautiful landscapes. Instead there was only a street sign, crumpled on the side of a road. It was the photo taken last semester at the location of the accident that killed Betsy Clement and Derek Franklin.

The other editors and I had already chosen the photos we wanted to use on the photo page, but for some reason we couldn't put this photo down. In my mind, I was retracing the events of that weekend.

I remember coming back from the Main with my breakfast and racing to open my



LISA YONCO

dorm room door because my phone was ringing. I remember our faculty adviser telling me there had been an accident and students were involved. We knew it had been fatal, but we had no idea who or how many had died.

I stood there for a moment in terror. I looked at the photos on my wall and prayed for a moment

that it wasn't any of my friends. Then, in a period of about six hours, I and the other editors on the staff at the time put together the first special Monday edition of the *Skiff*. We called on all of our staff members for contributions. And, on a sunny Sunday afternoon, the staff put together a newspaper to tell the campus two of our comrades had died.

Being editor of the *Skiff* is not a glory-free job. I get a nice paycheck every two weeks, 14 inches of space to fill with whatever bits of information and opinion I choose (this column) and an impressive line for my resume. However, no amount of perks can repay me for the bad parts of my job, like having to write or edit an obituary for a fellow or former student.

I bring all of this up, not because I expect a mass of letters coming in tomorrow thanking the *Skiff* for its outstanding efforts or compassion, but because of a criticism that was brought to my attention. A friend of one of the victims of the fatal crash was upset that we had run the photo.

"Why," the friend asked, "do you have to keep bringing up my friend's death?"

My answer is because we haven't forgotten either. I haven't forgotten what it was like to have to call a staff member who witnessed the accident and ask her to write a first-person account of what she saw. We, the entire staff, haven't forgotten what it was like to have to call friends and family of the victims, apologize for the tragedy and then have to interview them.

But in the end, we won't ever forget how we felt when a member of Betsy's sorority thanked us for handling the accident the way we did — not like the impersonal professional news organizations had.

That Sunday in November, we all realized something. We realized we weren't immortal and we could die. The deaths of those two students, and those that have unfortunately occurred since, have meant as much to us as to their friends. We felt like we had lost one of our own, and in essence we had.

Lisa Yonco is a senior news-editorial journalism major from Huntington, Conn., who has been on the staff of the *Skiff* for six semesters.

House committees can effect change when students make a difference

In The Princeton Review's 1992 edition of *The Student Access Guide to the Best Colleges*, the authors write of TCU: "A frequent complaint among those we surveyed was that the administration is secretive and unresponsive to student input; these complaints are particularly surprising in light of the apolitical nature of TCU students. If you have trouble dealing with powerful and arbitrary authorities, you might want to think twice before applying here."

This quote exhibits two of the students' opinions about our university. First, we perceive ourselves to be nonpolitical or noncommittal when examining controversial issues. Additionally, we perceive our administration to be a seemingly unapproachable

body that will not listen to our concerns or desires. However, the fact remains that we, as students, have the ability to change things on this campus. How we choose to execute our ability is entirely up to us, not our administration.

Like most sophomores, I have had a full year to express my own concerns about TCU as well as listen to those of fellow students. For many of us, our involvement ends with our initial laud or criticism of TCU. This week alone, numerous people I've talked to have expressed concerns like, "Parking sucks," and "There's no school spirit," and "We need an outdoor pool."

It is fantastic that we are offering these opinions. However, by simply complaining, criticizing or agreeing, we achieve nothing. We must follow up our initial reactions by joining an organization that makes changes.

At TCU, I hope we've all discovered that our campus organizations are made up of interesting people who are currently making an impact. Not to take away from the achievements of other campus organizations, but the House of Student Representatives is a group that can make great changes on this campus. Two committees of the House, Student Concerns and Permanent Improvements, have the ability to offer legislation for anything the students want changed or added to this campus.

The best thing about these two committees of the House, as well as the other four, is that anyone can join. You don't have to hang up campaign signs or win an election to join these committees. All you have to do is show up.

As chairman of the Permanent Improvements Committee, I can testify that we are working hard to bring some positive changes to this campus. After our first meeting last week, we have decided to concentrate a majority of our efforts toward achieving these things: cable television and change machines for on-campus housing, an outdoor swimming pool, more campus lighting, a drinking fountain and outdoor shower for the sand volleyball courts, an outdoor basketball hoop, a weightroom expansion with an addition of weights and a possible eatery on the east side of main campus.

Additionally, we are working in conjunction with the Student Concerns Committee, chaired by Ben Hall, to bring more parking, a recycling program and a shuttle bus service to TCU.

Anyone who wants to help make some positive changes on this campus (instead of simply voicing an opinion that is not heard by the administration), is strongly encouraged to join the Student Concerns or Permanent Improvements committees (or any of the other four House committees).

Student Concerns meets Wednesdays at 3 p.m. in Student Center Room 218. Permanent Improvements meets Wednesdays at 5 p.m. in Student Center Room 202.

If you have any opinions on what should be changed or added to this campus, please stop by one of the meetings (or both if you wish) and help make TCU even better. Of course, we will not be able to accomplish everything we wish. However, we'll work hard, and in the process find out just how accurate The Princeton Review is in its inference about our "secretive and unresponsive" administration.

Scott McLinden is a political science major from Minneapolis.



SCOTT
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PURPLE POLL

Do you know someone who has been raped?

Yes	No
48	52

Today's Purple Poll question was asked of 100 students as they were dining in the Main Cafeteria on Tuesday evening. The Poll was conducted by secret ballot.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Come together

Coach Pat Sullivan realized the need for more traditions at TCU when he started the "Walk of Frogs." The walk shows the football team that the TCU community is behind them. It is a great new tradition that we should all support.

Another TCU tradition deserves support — the singing of the Alma Mater. It unites the TCU community, regardless of the outcome of the game.

But neither the walk nor the singing of the Alma Mater are complete without all of the TCU community. Students, faculty, staff, coaches and alumni are all necessary for either of these traditions to be successful.

The Student Concerns Committee of the House of Student Representatives will begin circulating petitions today to show how much the singing of the Alma Mater with the team means to students. There will be tables set up in the Student Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for you to sign the petition and show your support for this tradition.

It's time we unite as Horned Frogs. Just as it's not too much to expect the fans to be at the walk, it is not too much to expect the players to stay on the field for the Alma Mater. If we all work together and compromise, we can make this a memorable season.

Ben Walters
student body president

Not waterboys

I would like to clarify an item which appeared in Rick Waters's sports column "Deadlock keeps players and fans asking questions" in the Sept. 15 issue. His comment regarding the "waterboys spilling Gatorade" on the sidelines was extremely stereotypical. The reference of "waterboys" is a very old cliché, not to mention a sexist term to describe athletic trainers and their vital role to an athletic team.

TCU offers one of the finest athletic training education programs in the nation, as well as the only curriculum program in the Southwest Conference approved by the National Athletic Trainers' Association. The students in the program work 50 hours a week, seven days a week, giving up vacations and breaks, all to help the athletes at TCU. They do all of this and are required to maintain a 2.5 GPA each semester. Of our graduates, 98 percent pass the Texas Board of Health State Licensure exam and obtain positions across the country as athletic trainers. The majority of our students also go on to receive national certification as athletic trainers.

The trainers' job consists of several domains, ranging from rehabilitation to prevention of injuries. Heat illness, and thus, the need for rehydration make up a small part of the total care system. Without us, Monday morning would be very difficult.

Eric Frederick
athletics department

Editor's note: This letter was signed by 17 other trainers.

Bad question

What has a "Christian" university come to when its newspaper staff starts inquiring about the students' sex lives? I am referring to the Purple Poll that appeared in the Sept. 15 issue of the *Skiff*. The poll question was: Did you have sex this weekend? What kind of question is that? Did the poll-takers have nothing better to ask, or were they just plain nosy? I personally found that question to be offensive and reflecting poor taste on the part of the editor.

Freedom of the press is one thing, but this has taken it too far. Mind you, I am no prude, but reading about my fellow students' sex lives is more than I care or need to know about. In the future I hope to find better questions asked than that one.

Jennifer Harvey
sophomore, nursing

Hell is for real

Many people are confused in this world, but it is never funny when people believe in a lie and lose their souls as a result.

Why not go to a "Bible Study party"? Sometimes people get confused; they don't understand what church is all about. They are easily bored by it all. Although they are missing the point, it is far easier to communicate in a genre familiar to them. What is more familiar to students than parties? And what more an exciting way to minister?

In Matthew, Jesus charges his followers to "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." What better way to witness the world than in the popular media and culture of the world. I personally don't want to know that because I refused to witness I helped to condemn someone to hell. Does hell exist? Count on it. You may not hear much about hell these days, unless someone is telling someone else to go there. But hell is for real. Scripture has three times as much to say about God's justice, judgment, wrath and punishment of sin as it says about the love and mercy of God. Seven times in the Gospels Jesus referred to hell as a place where people are weeping and gnashing their teeth. He called it a furnace of fire.

Hell is a place to be avoided at all cost, and you should try to help family and friends avoid the horror of hell — save them from the fires. If T-shirts accomplish this, then I am all for them!

If Satan uses the market through music, books, magazines, movies, television and clothing, why shouldn't God's people?

You wear what you want, and I'll wear what I want. In the end, we'll let God decide who profited.

Laura Potter
freshman, English

The Skiff welcomes letters to the editor if they are double-spaced typed and one page or less in length. All letters must be signed. The Skiff will not publish unsigned letters. All submissions must include the writer's classification, major and phone number.

Public schools no place for Bush's prayer mandate

Christian God not the only one, George

President Bush's renewed charges to put God back into the public schools ring icily with an Orwellian overture of Big Brother, or Big Father if you will.

The president is certain that a resurgence of his Christian God in the schools will reestablish our fallen family values and set the nation on some brighter course.

The president, as always, has failed to grasp the makeup of his constituency, and the various identities of the American people have eluded his narrow gaze once more.

A 1987 study revealed 147.5 million Americans claimed affiliation to a religious belief system, and that amounts to 61 percent of the population. That study also indicated 94 percent of those affiliated belong to a Christian or quasi-Christian belief system. The other 6 percent do not.

At best, the president's whim caters to about half the population. More likely, the prayer-in-public-school bandwagon caters to far fewer, and it's very likely only a small, but quite vocal, minority would like to see Bush have his way.

Even the Founding Fathers didn't include the Christian God (or any other manifestation of the ultimate) in the Constitution. You'll see no appeals to divine prudence and mercy within its text, because establishing a state religion was against the principles therein contained. You will find, in the Bill of Rights, added later, a clause preventing Congress from passing laws relating to the freedom of religious belief and exercise thereof.

Ah-ha! Therefore, Congress can't restrict prayer in public schools, says the self-righteous vocal minority of which the president is now the standard bearer. In a sense they are correct. However, neither Congress nor the president can mandate prayer in public schools.

The separation of church and state is a fundamental tenet in the American ideology. Many of the colonists who came to this land in the 17th and 18th centuries did so to escape religious persecutions in Europe. There should be no state religion in America, but there is.

Christianity is the state religion. Through 20 major denominations, 220 subfamilies and a thousand or more sects in between, the Christian faith is the most dominant. Recall, the Founding Fathers warned of the majority's trampling on the liberties of the minorities.

In 1954, Congress, ignoring the constitutional restrictions of the First Amendment, added the words "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance. Fortunately, 11 years earlier the Supreme Court protected students' "right to silence" as being fundamentally embedded in the First Amendment and struck down laws mandating the Pledge be said by all public schoolchildren every morning.

It goes further. There are invocations to the Christian God at public high school football games, commencements and other functions which all must endure, regardless of their faith or beliefs. In a society which tries to pass off an image of thinking globally, imposing the dominant religion upon all people is unwarranted.

It is impossible to bridge all the denominations and faiths of the world through a single invocation. The word itself comes from the verb "invoke," which means to call upon. Not all call upon the same god, not even all Christians, and certainly not all non-Christians.

But the president is convinced the unfettered expression of the Christian faith (and, by extension, the predominant denomination in any particular locality) in the public schools is the panacea to all the ills afflicting family values. Bush should encourage religious practice in the family, not in school. That's where God — the one Bush believes in and all others — belongs.

There is absolutely nothing wrong with the free expression of one's faith. There is something utterly wrong with the forced expression of one's faith.

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News

Number of car thefts in Fort Worth rises 46 percent

By JOE LATTANZI
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Last October, Lisa Rollins-Garcia, a university Counseling Center staff psychologist, walked out to the parking lot after teaching an evening class. As she left the center, she immediately noticed that her red 1988 Pontiac Firebird wasn't where she'd left it.

"I panicked," she said. "For a moment, I thought I'd parked it in another place. Then I realized it was gone. At first, I was shocked. I went back to the center and called the Campus Police....While I was waiting for them, I began to feel violated and then angry that someone had taken my car."

Rollins-Garcia's car was one of the three cars stolen every minute from college campuses, shopping malls and parking lots in the United States between 1990 and 1991, according to National Automobile Crime Bureau statistics.

In Fort Worth, the number of stolen vehicles jumped 46 percent in 1991, with 13,470 stolen cars and trucks compared to 9,206 vehicles in 1990, according to Texas Action Council on Theft figures.

"The Fort Worth figures are

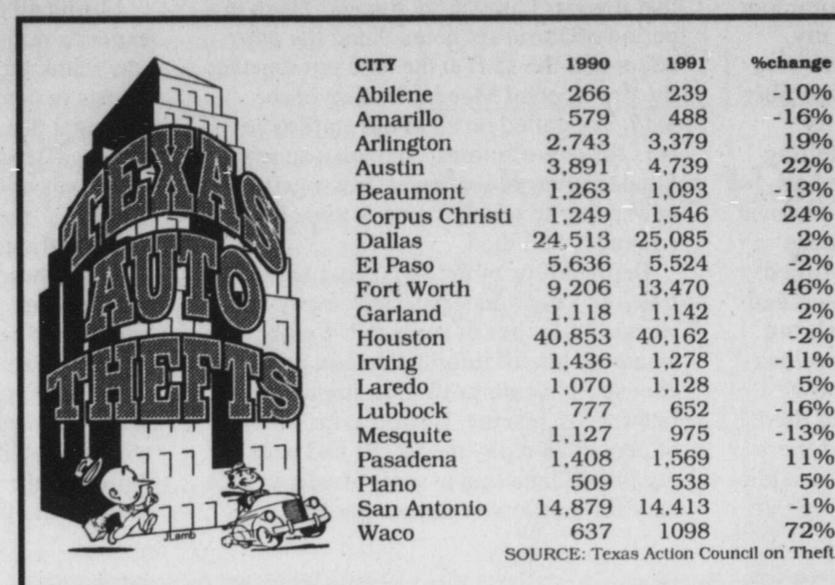
shocking but show the scope of the problem," said Jerry Johns, a council spokesman. "If vehicle theft was a legitimate business, *Fortune 500* would rank it among the country's most profitable corporations and consider it a growth industry."

The council's figures covered about one-third of all the cars stolen in Texas during 1991, said Lt. Jerry Dedman, head of the Fort Worth Police Department's auto theft section. About 82 percent of the vehicles stolen in 1991 were recovered, compared to the 76 percent recovered during 1990, he said.

Vehicle thefts cost the city of Fort Worth \$74 million in 1991, Dedman said. The figure didn't include lost wages, rental car costs, vehicle repair bills and other hardships victims suffered, he said.

"Auto thefts cost Texas about \$830 million in 1991," Johns said. "The statewide and Fort Worth figures are based on an average loss of \$5,500 per car but that's an extremely conservative figure representing the average face value of the total cars stolen."

Although auto thefts skyrocketed in Fort Worth, they remained comparatively low at TCU and other local universities and colleges,



according to campus officials.

According to university Campus Police figures, thieves stole 12 cars between 1990 and 1991 and 14 between 1991 and 1992, an increase of 16 percent.

The University of Texas at Arlington showed similar figures between 1991 and 1992, officials said.

Thieves stole 25 cars during 1991, and 19 from January to September 1992 from the University of Texas at Arlington, said Lt. James Ferguson.

chief criminal investigator for the UTA campus police.

"We're nine months into the year, and we're already approaching last year's number," Ferguson said.

He said UTA's most serious auto theft problem was "thefts by order."

When people get in accidents, some ride around looking for a car that matches the make, model and color of their damaged vehicle, he said.

Once they locate a suitable car, the people place an order with local car

thieves, Ferguson said. People find it cheaper to have someone steal replacement parts rather than take the car to a dealer or body shop, he said.

"We attributed only one out of eight stolen cars to joyriders," Ferguson said. "Most were stripped for their parts. We only had one case that could be attributed to an organized theft ring that was broken up last year by the Fort Worth police."

Professional and juvenile auto theft rings aren't singling out local colleges and universities to steal cars, said Dave Griffith, assistant head of the Texas Department of Public Safety's Motor Vehicle Theft Service in Austin.

"Any area with a large concentration of cars is a car thief supermarket," Griffith said. "College campuses, mall parking lots, apartment complexes, airports and city parking lots attract these guys. They can pick out just about any car they want in these areas and grab it."

The minimal security at automobile dealerships and mall parking lots makes them prime targets for a professional car theft ring, Griffith said.

"The problems most campuses face are juvenile joyriders and smash-and-grab artists," he said. "These guys either steal the car for

transportation or drive it off, break in and steal high-value accessories like stereos, CD players and radar detectors. They're after the cash these items bring."

Money is the root of the nationwide auto theft problem, and supply and demand motivates many professional car theft rings, he said.

"What's hot in cars and what isn't hot during any given year determines what professionals go after," he said. "Juveniles steal cars just for kicks in most cases."

Many youths steal cars in Fort Worth to get a ride to a friend's house or just for fun, Dedman said.

"I haven't broken down the average age of the kids for 1992," he said. "But there's 11-, 12-, 13- and 14-year-old kids out there ripping off cars. It's a game for a lot of them. They ride around in them, then dump them after running out of gas."

Media attention about auto thefts in Fort Worth and greater public awareness resulting in increased security measures have helped to deter juvenile auto thefts, Dedman said. Although juvenile auto thefts appeared to be decreasing in Fort Worth, youthful thieves were still a

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Preventions suggested to thwart auto thieves

By JOE LATTANZI
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The 14 cars that thieves stole from the university between 1991 and 1992 doesn't seem like much compared to the 13,470 cars stolen throughout Fort Worth.

Yet campus auto theft is a problem and will continue to occur on college campuses throughout the United States, said Jerry Johns, spokesman for the Austin-based Texas Action Council on Theft.

"Anyplace where there's a concentration of expensive or fairly new cars, car thieves are going to go after them," he added.

The council is composed of representatives from law enforcement agencies and insurance companies throughout Texas who are dedicated to fighting auto theft and educating people about the problem.

"Many thefts can be prevented by keeping everything left in the car out of view," said Oscar Stewart, chief of Campus Police. "Some people leave all kinds of things in plain sight like purses and jewelry. That's just asking for trouble."

OSCAR STEWART,
Chief, Campus Police

cautions," Johns said. "Many just don't think that auto thefts can happen to them."

Along with lights, emergency telephones, barriers and an aggressive mobile patrol program, security guard foot patrols have enhanced university security, Stewart said. The guards roam throughout the campus but concentrate on the university's parking lots, he said.

The guards check the lots at random hours and walk their beats along nonspecific routes so they don't establish an identifiable pattern, Stewart said.

Additionally, the Campus Police shift supervisors check the lots at different hours and patrol on unassigned routes, he said.

"College students, like everyone else, must take responsibility for the security of their cars," Johns said. "A few simple precautions go a long way to help deter auto theft. It's a serious problem and everybody needs to be aware of it."

"An auto burglar alarm system is good insurance," Villela said.

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Car alarms are one of the best ways to safeguard a car, Stewart said. All car alarms should be equipped with a kill switch, he added. When the car is broken into, the power to the entire car can be disabled, preventing the thief from starting the car, Stewart said.

"Automobile alarm systems are the most effective anti-theft deterrent," Johns said. "Thieves will move on to another car because they're not willing to take the risk trying to bypass or disable the alarm."

Stewart said the manufacturer's label for an alarm should never be placed where it can be seen. Leaving the label in plain view helps thieves to disable the alarm if they know its make and model, he said. Generic stickers should be used to advertise a car's alarm system to deter would-be thieves, he said.

Many students and other people simplify a thief's work by leaving their keys in their cars, Stewart said. The thief breaks a window, opens the door and simply drives off with the car, he said.

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Villela said something as simple as choosing a parking place in Fort Worth can cost students their cars. She said many students park on side streets to save money when visiting the city's nightlife. Villela said she recalled an incident where some students parked on a dark side street on the city's north side and returned to find their car heavily damaged by vandals.

"Always park in a well-lit area," she said. "Rather than parking on a side street in Fort Worth, try using a parking garage or lot."

The money spent on parking fees is a good investment compared to the money people lose and the hardships they suffer when they are victimized by car thieves, Villela said.

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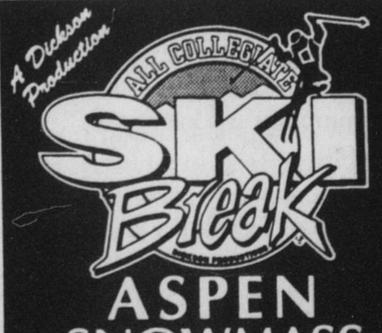
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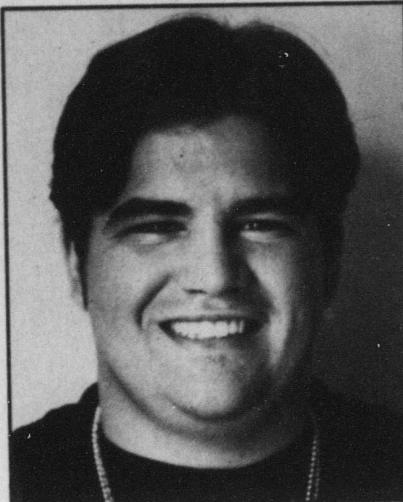
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Sports

Whatever in the world is going on in sports?

By TY BENZ
Sports Columnist



As I roam through the world of sports, I have this one thought. Are the Cowboys the team of the 90s, or is the competition just weak?

The answer to this question comes in two weeks when Dallas plays the Eagles and their monster defense on Monday Night. Expect Philadelphia's pass rush to devour Cowboys' quarterback Troy Aikman and bottle up Emmitt Smith as the Eagles romp 27-10.

Around the NFL...just wonder what burst Raiders' owner Al "The Genius" Davis' bubble. I guess having to choose from either Jay Schroeder or Todd Marinovich as quarterback would give me ulcers too. It should be a long season for Davis and the Raiders while they suffer from an 0-3 start that already eliminates them from the play-offs.

Although this trade wasn't as publicized as the Walsh and Walker deals, trader Jimmy stole another player from another team. Swiping free safety Thomas Everett from the Steelers for only a fifth round draft pick merely continues his run of great trades. This deal was almost as slick as his haircut.

After watching holdouts Michael Irvin, Jerry Rice, and Deion Sanders shine the past two weeks, I'm wondering...is training camp really necessary?

It's nice to know that Denver won't spoil another Super Bowl this

year...their offense is so bad that quarterback John Elway had his Mr. Ed grin permanently wiped off his face last week in Philly.

Is Vinny "Mr. Interception" Testaverde for real? He's led Tampa Bay to a 2-1 record and has opened a lot of eyes throughout the NFL. Just tells you how good a coach Sam Wyche is as we watch him resurrect Vinny's career. By the way, have you seen the Bucs' new home pants? I wouldn't be caught dead with those shiny orange pants on.

Moving on to Major League Baseball.....the biggest reason that all the owners are going broke is that they continue to pay players outrageous salaries. Nobody is worth \$7 million. I don't care how far he can hit a baseball or how many people he strikes out.

A good move that the owners should consider is moving to a three-division format while instituting inter league play. This creates more excitement as natural rivals (New York Mets against the NY Yankees) would get to play each other for real.

The merits of three-division format are easy: it creates more pennant race excitement, allows for a wild card play-off entry, and, most importantly, creates additional TV revenue money with the extra play-off games.

Two tidbits from the NBA.....the Celtics pulled off another steal when they signed rugged forward Xavier McDaniel from the Knicks, not only does it strengthen them, but it also strips the Knicks of their emotional leader.

You have to question the Houston Rockets sanity. Why are they trading away the best center in basketball, Hakeem Olajuwon, for a bunch of losers like Orlando's Stanley "I'm a Big Mac away from 350 lbs." Roberts? Thank goodness for the Mavericks front office, if it wasn't for Norm Sonju and company, the Rockets would have the dumbest front office in Texas.

And finishing with college football.....you know it's going to be a

wacky year when Kansas (3-0) has a better record than Oklahoma (2-1) and New Mexico State (3-0) has a better record than BYU (1-2).

This stat alone tells you how pitiful the Southwest Conference is....SMU has the second best record in the league at 2-1. It will be a walk in the park for Texas A&M as they stroll to the Cotton Bowl undefeated in SWC play.

Excuse me while I still giggle about Arkansas' 10-3 upset loss to pipsqueak Citadel. Jack Crowe deserved to be run off after that humiliating upset. It's going to be a long year in Fayetteville as the Southeast Conference feasts on the Razorbacks all season long.

The Heisman Trophy race is now officially over as lightning-quick San Diego State running back Marshall Faulk has clinched it with his early season play. And to think he's only a sophomore....he should move on to the NFL right now, he could start for most every team.

The next Bo Jackson isn't Deion Sanders, it's Florida State's Charlie Ward. He starts at point guard for the Seminoles NCAA Tournament basketball team and at quarterback for the football team. He's the only person to direct two of the most potent offenses in the country. Is he going to be in a Nike ad soon?

You have to wonder about the future of the SWC when the best expansion has to offer is Memphis State and Tulane.

And now to TCU's own controversial alma mater situation...traditional or not, the team should stay on the field for one reason: the students and alumni want it. Without this support, there are no TCU athletics.

But the biggest thing the Frogs needs to do is just win. Nothing clears the air like a good old fashioned W. If the Frogs lose to SMU Saturday, you'll be able to count the fans at Amon Carter on one hand and then abandoned the car, he said.

Stiff defense revitalizes Cougars

By MICHAEL LUTZ
Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Cougars end Steve Clarke and his defensive line mates like to get together and have fun and they usually find they are most entertained by meeting in the opponent's backfield.

"It's a reward to get to the quarterback," said Clarke, who had 10 tackles in Saturday's 31-13 victory over Illinois. "We try to meet each other back there. It's not competition, it's more like camaraderie."

While attention is focused on the Cougars' quarterback competition between Jimmy Klinger and Donald Douglas, Houston's defense is quietly recovering from the disastrous role it played in last year's 4-7 season.

"Our morale is a lot better this season," Clarke said. "We are kind of overshadowed by the offense and we feel we have to go out and get the job done. We're a tighter bond this season. We realize if we want to be playing somewhere on Jan. 1, we've got to start now."

The Cougars will get their test of the season Saturday when they play at No. 4 Michigan.

Clarke led the Cougars against the Illini. He celebrated three sacks

and recovered a fumble by Jason Verduzco in the end zone for a safety.

"He's certainly worthy of any national honors he might receive," Houston coach John Jenkins said. "He comes from the right side college hash mark and all the way to the left side of the end zone for the safety on Verduzco."

"That's a long way to come to make a play like that."

Houston's defense, among the worst in the nation last year, held Illinois to 235 total yards. The defensive line had seven of the eight sacks on Verduzco.

"If we start playing passive, our D-line gets together on the sidelines and tell ourselves to get in there and put the pressure on," Clarke said.

The starting linebackers had 27 tackles to 22 for the starting front four against Illinois. But by the second half, the defensive line was controlling the game.

"By the second half, the linebackers weren't even able to get any tackles, our D-line just took things over," said starting linebacker Eric Blount, who had nine tackles.

Houston coach John Jenkins' favorite defensive accomplishment

was the sacking of the Illini on their first drive of the third quarter when a sack by end Allen Aldridge and a penalty against Illinois stopped them at the Houston 16.

"We kept getting better as the game went on," Jenkins said. "We went out from the start and repelled their best efforts."

John W. Brown got the first big defensive play of the game when he blocked a field goal try by Illinois' Chris Richardson to end the opening drive.

"That was one of the most important plays of the game," Brown said.

"I think it helped show the offense they could have confidence in us to stop them."

Meanwhile, back on offense,

Jenkins still plans to rotate Klinger and Douglas against the Wolverines.

"We'll have a good week of competition and I'll decide on which one to start sometime later in the week," Jenkins said.

Klinger, who started against Illinois, completed 15 of 21 passes for 133 yards and Douglas hit 10 of 13 for 129 yards and he also rushed 66 yards on nine carries.

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significant problem along with the professional thieves who steal cars as a business, he said.

College campuses are "targets of opportunity" for juvenile thieves looking for quick and easy money, Dedman said. In some campus thefts, thieves stole the car, forced the trunk open, stole any valuables left inside and then abandoned the car, he said.

In other cases, he said the car was either recovered stripped of its parts or was never seen again, sure signs of professional car thieves.

Auto thefts in Fort Worth didn't become a problem until about 1984, Dedman said. That year, 4,100 cars were stolen in the city. In 1985, auto thefts increased, rising to 5,700, he added.

"After 1985, the figures went off the scale," he said. "It's been a problem ever since. Right now, we're holding our own, but getting these

guys (car thieves) off the streets is a short-term solution at best."

Until more prisons are built, more courts are added in Tarrant County and judges hand out stiffer sentences, auto thefts will continue to be a major citywide problem, Dedman said.

"It's a revolving-door judicial system," he said. "The ones we arrest are back on the streets almost as soon as we put them in jail. They're out there teaching the other kids how to steal cars. Trying to arrest them and keep them in jail, it's like swatting flies."



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