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Career Center offers students assistance with resumes

Director offers insight on how to sell yourself to a future employer

By MICHELE GRAY
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The paper and envelopes may look expensive, but the words printed on them will decide whether a person can get a foot in the door or not.

Resumes — every senior's favorite word. Twenty-one years or more of a student's life condensed into a one page autobiography.

Carolyn Ulrickson, career planning and placement center director, said she offers help for students who find it difficult to list their achievements.

Students who need conference time about their resumes can go to the center, where she and other career counselors will assist them.

Ulrickson, who has had experience hiring personnel and critiquing resumes, said resumes should be written advertisements. "The purpose is to get an interview," she said. "It's a marketing tool."

A car advertisement can be comparable to how a student should approach resume writing, she said.

"A person doesn't call a Ford dealer and say, send me a Taurus," Ulrickson said. "A Ford ad would say, come test drive a Taurus. You need to sell yourself."

Ulrickson said studies show employers will skim through a resume in five to seven seconds.

"The resume needs to highlight very explicitly what the individual has to offer to the employers," Ulrickson said.

She said students should highlight first what they are trying to sell, she said.

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CAROLYN ULRICKSON,
Director of the
Career Planning
and Placement Center

cially if you're a new college graduate," Ulrickson said.

Drop-in hours in the Student Center Room 202 are from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday through Thursday, she said.

Ulrickson said she and the career counselors skim the resumes as if they were an employer.

She said personal pronouns should always be omitted and the resume should never exceed two pages.

The cover letter should be individualized and a direct message to the employer, she said.

An employer may skim the letter in less than 30 seconds and, if interested, will look at it carefully later, Ulrickson said.

"Their (the employer's) position is to screen out, not in," she said.

The five resume writing workshops the center has provided have attracted as few as five and as many as 40 students at a time, Ulrickson said. The next workshop will be on Oct. 2 at 10 a.m.

Students can also go to the English Writing Center to receive tutoring for developing their resumes.

Christina Murphy, Writing Center director, said students can go in anytime during open hours.

"The impression is the number of seniors out on the job market are not clear on how to make a resume," Murphy said. "Workers will work with them to prepare the student to go out in the world."

By request, Margaret-Rose Marek, Writ-

ing Center instructor, holds resume workshops for students.

She said these days, even bakers and short-order cooks need resumes to find a job.

No longer are the times where people can directly have an interview by responding to a help wanted sign on an outside window, she said.

"It's daunting for a lot of people," Marek said. "They don't want to go through the university process until they say, I need a job."

Marek said students should seek resume advice on campus, not at resume services.

If a student wasn't careful and allowed a resume service to "puff-up" their resume, she said, a resume such as former Railroad Commissioner Lena Guerro's could leak out.

"But the person has control over what they make," Marek said. "The person knows what is not real."

Marek said the campus printing services are also cheaper than off-campus services.



TCU Daily Skiff/ Catherine Fuss
Aided by phlebotomist Alisha Pierce, Aras Taha, a senior computer science major, donates blood Monday in the Student Center. The drive, sponsored by the Carter Blood Center, will be collecting donations through Thursday.

Perot supporters hope for renewed candidacy

By TOM RAUM
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In state after state, Ross Perot's supporters on Tuesday said there's no mystery about what they want: they want him in the race.

"Yeah, yeah, he'll be back," said West Virginian David Dinges.

"We need heroes," said Alabamian Sissy Smith.

A day after he was courted by high-level emissaries from both the Bush and Clinton campaigns, the Dallas billionaire said he wouldn't be upset if his followers disbanded and supported other presidential candidates.

But interviews by The Associated Press with Perot organizers in 50 states showed overwhelming backing for a Perot re-entry.

"In my opinion, he's going to be given such widespread support again that it would be difficult for him to back out," said Jim Watford, a Perot organizer in Indiana.

"We're having volunteers coming in off the street," said Debbie Andrews-Kraus, a Perot organizer in Arkansas, Democrat Bill Clinton's home state. "Our phones have been ringing off the hook for the past seven days."

Perot has said he will announce a decision by Thursday and be guided by the views of his volunteers. Organizers are in the process of polling those volunteers for a recommendation.

Perot said on NBC's "Today" show that he had told supporters, "My feelings are not going to be hurt

if you decide to support the Democrats or the Republicans or if you decide to break up and support both."

He said he would go all out to win if he did get back in, including participation in any presidential debates.

Perot had abandoned his candidacy on July 16 but later said the decision was a mistake. He is on the ballots in all 50 states.

In eight national polls taken since Sept. 11, Perot's support has ranged from nine to 18 percentage points. Perot hurts Clinton more than Bush nationally, the polls suggest, but political strategists say Perot could hurt Bush more in Texas, where they both have lived, and in the South.

While many backers expressed elation over a renewed Perot candidacy, some expressed skepticism about his ability to win.

"It would have been a lot easier for us if he had not dropped out of the race," said Melvin C. Jones, a Perot organizer in New Orleans.

Mary Stuart of Topeka, Kan., said recent developments have left her confused: "The only thing we picked up Monday night was a reaffirmation of what we already knew: that the volunteers want him to run."

And Ron Hagen, of Custer, S.D., said, "I don't think he'll win."

Many supporters suggested the campaign would focus more on issues with Perot in the race.

"You will hear less about Murphy Brown and potatoes and Iran-Contra and more about issues that we need to deal with now," said Steve Fridrich, a Nashville businessman and Tennessee Perot coordinator.

Perot's economic program includes a number of tough steps, including cuts in Social Security benefit increases and many other government programs and a 50-cent-a-gallon boost in the federal gasoline tax.

While such measures did not win the endorsement of Bush and Clinton camps, "We believe the American people are willing to accept a certain amount of sacrifice as long as it's applied across the board," said Michael Rau of Virginia Beach, Va.

State political party officials were hardly enthusiastic about the prospect of a renewed Perot candidacy.

Nevada Republican chairman Brian McKay said Perot could "run into a wall of reality. He's been playing with the press, with Bush, with Clinton and even his strongest supporters are beginning to wonder what this guy is all about."

And some Americans who called Perot's new 800 number were less than delighted.

Perot told television viewers to call the number if they wanted him back in the race. But the automated hotline provides no way of telling him to stay out. And the taped message says the call will be counted as a vote in favor of his joining the race.

"I don't think that's playing fair, I think it's misleading," said Bonnie Smith of San Diego, a 55-year-old unemployed marketing manager who called the number to advise Perot to keep out of the presidential race.

House of Representatives allots funds for Brite lecture series

Members nominated to Election Appeals Board, unanimously approved by House

By CYNTHIA MATTHEWS
TCU Daily Skiff

The House of Student Representatives voted unanimously Tuesday to allocate \$515 to the Brite Divinity Continuing Education Series.

The Series sponsors world renowned religious scholars each year to speak to Brite and TCU students, faculty and staff, as well as the Fort Worth community.

"We are happy that the House sees this series as an important part of the TCU curriculum," said Guido Climer, representative from Brite Divinity School, following the House's approval of the funds.

"World-class guest lecturers are vital to the university," Climer said. "Our lectures provide enrichment of the Fort Worth community as well as education for our students."

Climer said the lectures also increase visibility of the Brite Divinity School.

"The speakers help Brite enrollment," Climer said. "And higher enrollment helps TCU."

Brite Series originally requested \$1030 from the House of Student Representatives.

However, the Finance Committee decided to allocate half that amount.

"We (the House) felt it was fair that the House and Brite split the cost of the event," said Tiffany Swayze, Finance Committee Chairwoman.

As a result, the funding will be a joint venture between the two organizations.

Walter Harrelson, a visiting professor from Vanderbilt University, will be the key speaker at this year's series.

Harrelson is currently teaching a Hebrew scriptures class at the university.

He is also in the process of authoring a textbook with Toni Craven, associate professor of Old Testament at Brite.

Included in Harrelson's accomplishments is his help in translating the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Harrelson will speak on Thursday, Oct. 8 at Weatherly Hall. His lecture is free, and open to the public.

"I hope everyone feels free to attend," Climer said. "This isn't just for Brite Divinity students."

The House also selected members for the Election Appeals Board.

Elections and Regulations Chairman Christian Ellis appointed committee member Heather McIntyre. President Ben Walters appointed House members Shawn Adams and Sara Peterson.

The House unanimously approved all three appointments.

The Election Appeals Board consists of those three members appointed Tuesday, Vice President Matt McClendon, Parliamentarian Jeff Blaylock, and Ellis.

The Board rules on any appeals made during Homecoming and Student Body officer elections.

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METROPLEX

Today's weather will be sunny and cool with a high of 81 degrees.
Thursday will be sunny with a high of 84 degrees.



Pete Wright provides new home for school's advancement program

By JAY WARREN
TCU Daily Skiff

The vacant Pete Wright Residence Hall is now home to part of the university advancement program.

The TCU Frog Club, the Telemarketing Program, the Major Gifts Operation and the Development of Communications office were all moved to the renovated first floor of Pete Wright at the end of July, said Bronson Davis, vice chancellor for university advancement.

The first floor was renovated to be used as temporary office space, Davis said.

"It's an overflow space for any operation that would be displaced during a construction phase," he said. "We knew, given the Master Plan, that over the next 10 years there would be occasions where temporary office space would be needed."

Hal Roach, director of athletic fund raising, said the advancement

program has grown past the space that was available in Sadler Hall, the university's administration building.

"People had just gotten so crowded," Roach said. "Pete Wright was here, so why not put it to use?"

The Telemarketing Program, which is a fund raising program, did not have a permanent location, said Michelle Amos, annual fund officer. The program was housed in the Faculty Center in Reed Hall and had to be set up and taken down every time it was used, Amos said.

"The new space is going to allow us to go in some new directions with our program," she said.

Davis said they were so crowded for space that the university had rented out office space in the Sunbelt Savings building on University Drive. He said it was an improvement to have everybody located on campus.

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CAMPUSlines

Parabola will hold a program on The 14/15 Puzzle and Other Sliding Block Puzzles. The guest speaker will be George Gilbert, assistant professor of mathematics. The meeting will be held Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in Winton-Scott Hall Einstein Room 145.

TERRA, TCU's environmental awareness organization, holds meetings every Wednesday at 5 p.m. in Sid Richardson Room 244. For more information call 924-2053.

TCU Research Fund Lectureship Professor Brian Conrey from Oklahoma State University will give a lecture entitled "On Riemann-Zeta Functions" on October 6 at 4:00 p.m. in Winston Scott Hall Rm. 145. Refreshments will be offered in Rm. 171 at 3:30 p.m.

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.

Volunteer Guardians of Tarrant County, affiliated with Senior Citizen Services, are having training sessions for those interested in becoming court-appointed guardians for incapacitated elderly who need assistance with their personal and/or financial affairs. Held on October 20, 27, and November 3 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Broadway Baptist Church 305 West Broadway, Ft. Worth. The fee is \$25.00 which is refunded when you volunteer. For information call Mamie Stites at 338-4433.

Volunteers are needed to visit residents of a Fort Worth nursing home on a one on one basis. Those interested can call the Volunteer Center.

Kappa Sigma plans scholarship in honor of deceased brother

By LISA MCKENNA TCU Daily Skiff

The university's Theta chapter of Kappa Sigma has established a university-approved scholarship in memory of Steve McDaniel.

McDaniel, a former Kappa Sigma, died in a car accident in Longview, Texas, just prior to the fall 1990 semester.

Friends and fraternity brothers of McDaniel wanted to establish a scholarship in his honor, Kappa Sigma member Les Kreis said.

"We felt we could use a scholarship," Kreis said, "and to establish one in Steve's name was a tribute to him."

Money was collected from alumni and friends so that a \$15,000 scholarship fund could be established through the international Kappa Sigma chapter. The scholarship was designated as an interest-earning sum to promote the betterment of the Theta chapter.

So far, the fraternity has raised \$8,099.60.

When the money matures at \$15,000, Kappa Sigma will begin awarding \$400 scholarships to two of

its members from the simple interest. Until then, the fraternity hopes to award two \$200 scholarships from the already-accrued interest.

The recipients of the scholarship must demonstrate service, leadership abilities, and academic excellence. They will be selected by a committee consisting of Theta alumni, the Kappa Sigma Alumni Relations chairman, the Scholarship chairman and the executive board.

The current selection committee has eight alumni, five current Kappa Sigma members and a friend of the Theta chapter.

"The scholarship is intended to promote the ideals of the chapter, as well as to honor one of our brothers," Kreis said.

Kappa Sigma is hoping to raise enough money to begin awarding its first two scholarships in January, Kreis said. As a chapter, it is donating \$500 each semester from fraternity dues.

Kreis said Kappa Sigma hopes to receive similar contributions from other university organizations such as Panhellenic and the Intrafraternity Council.

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"It is critical to us to have everybody in close proximity," he said. "It makes our operation much more efficient."

The amount of time university advancement will be in Pete Wright depends on how fast the university could raise the money to build a new Alumni Center, Davis said.

"It was felt that if we could get advancement to be stronger, then we could go out and make the income to enable us to meet the space needs and other needs our campus has," he said.

The proposed Alumni Center would provide university advancement with enough permanent office space, Davis said. A possible loca-

tion for the center would be across the street from the Rickel Activities Center, he said.

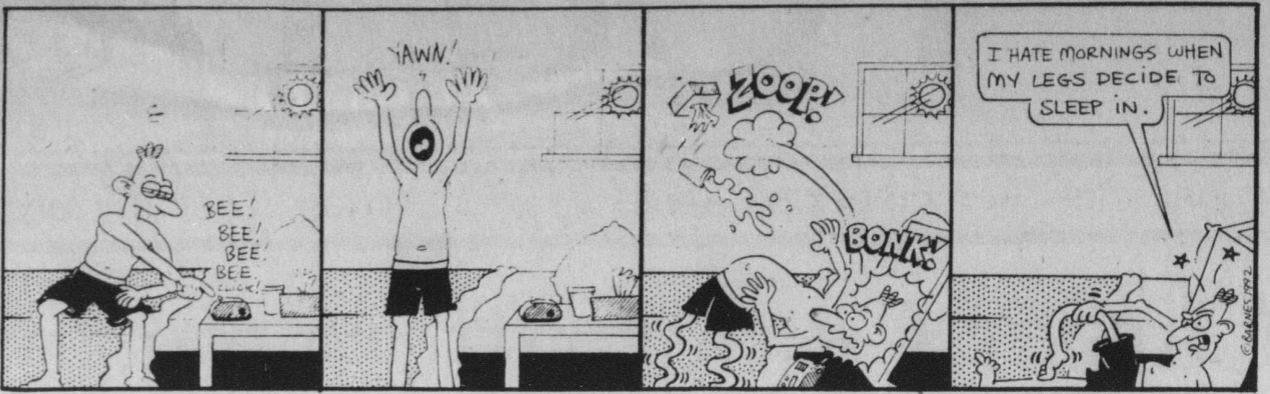
Pete Wright Hall was closed after the 1990 spring semester because the university did not need the housing space and the building was in poor shape, said Don Mills, associate vice chancellor for student affairs.

"We don't think the student body will grow past its current size in the next few years, so we probably won't need that space," Mills said.

The fate of the two remaining floors of Pete Wright is still uncertain, Davis said. Mills said his office is investigating using the third floor of the hall for housing.

Insanity Fair

by Joe Barnes



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by Andy Grieser



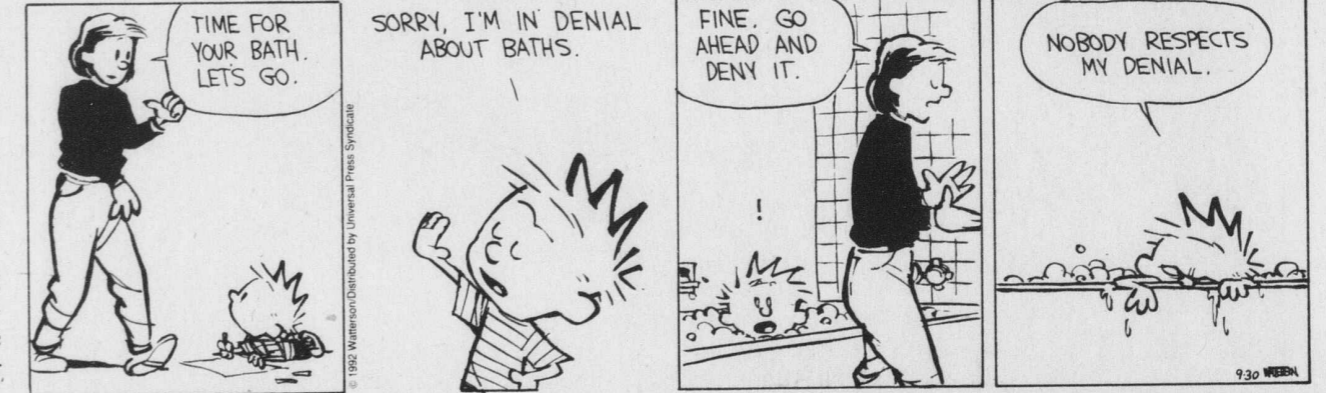
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Opinion

Coming into adulthood means learning the value of going home

This past weekend I flew to Boston to attend my cousin's wedding. When it was my turn to congratulate him and his new wife in the receiving line, my cousin introduced me as his cousin from Texas. The reason I found this odd is because I am not from Texas — the moment I begin to talk it's obvious I am a yankee, born and raised in the northeast.

Back in high school, I would have given anything to have someone introduce me as "so and so from Texas." Not because since birth I have had a burning desire to be a Texan, but because being from someplace other than Connecticut was a symbol of adulthood for me.

I thought the only sure-fire way to be considered an adult was to pack your bags



LISA YONCO

and move as far away from home and your parents. Well, I got out — and promptly moved to Texas.

I walked around proudly boasting about how moving to Texas was the best decision I ever made, and there is nothing like being 1,450 miles away from all of my relatives and high school friends. I never had to worry about an unexpected

visit from my mom or dad. I never had to spend the weekend driving out to my Aunt Martha's for her 74th birthday party. I never had to go home in the middle of the week, the day before a major paper was due, because my parents were having a dinner party. I never went home, except for semester breaks.

Life was grand until things started happening at home that I couldn't be a part of. Another of my cousins got married two years ago and there was no way I could fly home for that. Last February, my uncle died and the funeral was held in the middle of the week. There was no way I could fly home midweek and pay my last respects. I was stuck here.

Going away to college was perhaps the

best move I ever made. Honestly, I would encourage everyone to try living away from home at some point during their college years. The experience is irreplaceable.

But, looking back on all I have missed, I have to wonder if it was worth it. My friends at college are terrific, but they can't replace my mom or dad. And, when something happens at home, there is no way I can be there.

The closer I get to graduating (only seven and a half months away!) the more homesick I get. As I start to look into job opportunities for after graduation, I find myself paying more attention to location than anything else.

I realized this weekend that I am an adult. Not because I am finally 21 and can

buy alcohol, not because I have lived in Texas for three years on my own, but because I realized that being with my family is the most important thing in the world to me.

I'm sure there will be plenty of opportunities for me to travel and live on my own in the future. But for now, while I still can, I'd like to go home and live with my mom and dad. I'd like to be there when my sister and brother-in-law have their first child. I'd like to be a part of my family again.

Lisa Yonco is a senior news-editorial journalism major who, along with many of her Texas friends, will graduate and discover the real world in 228 days.

Inherently racist athletic poster shows attitudes, stereotypes persist

"All this talk about a poster," you say. "What is the deal?" There has been much controversy over the infamous poster which shows a godlike image of coach Pat Sullivan, a portrayal of a white student receiving his

degree and a poor likeness of quarterback Leon Clay running a football.

It was my understanding that the poster was to be removed and replaced by another promotion, and it was — in the more obvious places. Yet, I am troubled that it still adorns the walls in various places on campus, like the Controller's Office, the Health Center, the training room, etc.

I get the same sick feeling in my stomach when I see the poster as when I see that silly pancake box with Aunt Jemima on it grinning for no good reason. Have we not come any further? This is regression, not progress.

It is evident that there are those who do not understand what is offensive about the poster. Some can see no harm in it, but I invite you to see this piece of work from my perspective for a moment.

Let me reintroduce you to Mr. Athlete. I am sure you have met him before, during Monday Night Football or even the NBA Finals, although some have conveniently forgotten him this semester. This is the African-American that is super macho and muscular. He is referred to by sportscasters as displaying his "athleticism" when he makes a good play. His skill is never attributed to his mental capacity.

He is worshipped for his speed and agility and his ability to make money for and bring prestige to his sponsors, coaches, boosters, schools and school presidents. He is encouraged to take classes that are equivalent to Advanced Placement Underwater Basket Weaving 1033 because there are some cognitive skills he simply does not possess. Motor skills are his forte.

Some would debate that I, and those who believe as I do, are reaching when we say that the poster degrades African-American men, portraying them as mere power houses that lack central processing units. The poster may have been conceived with the purest intentions, but its result is blatant.

You see, many times we are judged on what we produce and not what we intended to produce. Sometimes though, our hearts mean well about what we want to produce; somewhere in the production process our products might get pretty messed up.

If you happen to be an African-American male who agrees with this twisted pictorial, wake up and smell the ashes from the charred cross that has been smoldering in your front lawn since the late summer. Some administrators agreed to extinguish the flame and have the cross removed but it is still there to remind you what someone thinks of you.

If you are not offended, then it is time to become offended.

If we are trying to champion what great scholar athletes we graduate every year, anyone with half a brain would have made the graduate and the athlete the same person, regardless of color. Make them both Black. Make them both White. Make them both Asian. Who cares? What I do care about is the message that I receive when I still see a poster hanging that reiterates racist views.

The stereotypes of old have permeated society through news and entertainment, and the fact is that stereotypes are hard dying. They affect the way human beings view one another. Since the population of African-American males on campus is overwhelmingly athletic, the last thing we need is a poster to solidify these warped ideas about them.

The poster pigeon holes African-American men into a misconstrued convention of old, and we do not need to rely on these preconceived notions. Labels obstruct effective communication and impede any progress; they are also windows to our social and political consensus. These racial labels mold our beliefs, and therefore, our actions.

If you can't understand, try. The posters, all of them, must go.

Michelle Smith is a senior English major who knows that being passive is the best way to be passed over.

PURPLE POLL

Should the displaying of the Confederate flag be banned?

Yes 26
No 59

Today's Purple Poll question was asked of 100 students as they were dining in the Main Cafeteria on Tuesday afternoon. Responding with no opinion: 15.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Doing something

In response to Denais Watson's opinion on globalization at TCU, I find the use of generalizations and stereotyping of TCU students don't react and discuss global events.

There are people and organizations on this campus who care about global events and their impact on the rest of the world. Apathy does exist on this campus to some extent, but not to the extent that Watson has claimed.

Issues concerning the Alma Mater, trustee meetings and Marriott affect this campus and are important to some people. These people have the right to complain and to do something about local issues. Local issues usually draw more attention because these issues are more observable and have more of a direct effect on us. These issues may be minor in comparison with the "whole scheme of things." Nonetheless, no one should be deterred from fighting for what one believes in, regardless if it is local or global.

Watson states that TCU students should "react to those events which people all over the globe will remember and talk about for years to come." Reaction can occur in many ways. Just because TCU students didn't burn Saddam in effigy at Frog Fountain doesn't mean they didn't care or weren't informed about the Persian Gulf War.

By reading the newspaper and watching the news, students can understand global issues and form their own opinion. Their opinion, in itself, is a reaction.

Only when people allow others to voice that opinion without fear of being called "stupid" will the sharing of ideas about global issues be brought out into the open.

The Global Theme Semester at TCU is a good idea. Students' exposure to the events planned for this semester might encourage them to ask questions and learn more about the world around us.

John Gaetz
senior, journalism

Hey Coach!

We would like to express our concern and extreme disappointment that Coach Pat Sullivan has prohibited TCU football players from remaining on the field for less than five minutes after a game to share school spirit with student and alumni spectators by singing the Alma Mater together. Although we have been reminded of his attempts to explain his decision, we cannot agree that his reasons justify the destruction of this tradition. As Glen Stone pointed out, players have remained on the field for the Alma Mater for the last seven years. If one considers the number of students who have come through the university — generally for a span of four years at a time — in those seven years, it is obvious that a large number of recent alumni and the entire student body hold this tradition dear.

Also, if this had been a tradition started solely by a certain football coach, and not supported by the university community (especially the students), we would not be having this dispute. The tradition would not have lasted, as evi-

denced by recent attempts to create new traditions like the Tunnel of Knowledge and singing the Alma Mater at noon in front of Student Activities.

Does it really matter who began this tradition or how long it has been going? TCU students, alumni and friends of the university have made this a tradition and would like to keep it. We urge Coach Sullivan to reconsider his decision. We are very willing to support his new coaching staff and the new tradition of the Frog Walk as long as we feel that we are respected as well. This is a TCU community tradition. Is it worth so little that it can be lost so easily?

Jeannine Schroeder
senior, economics

Editor's Note: This letter was signed by 14 other people, and, in fairness to Coach Sullivan, it should be footnoted that he has opted to let his players join the student body for Alma Mater moments before kickoff.

Spike the coffee

There's been a debate ranging on this opinion page, and loyal Skiff readers will no doubt have noticed it. It all began with Scott McLinden's column professing that the key to campus unity was the greater availability of alcoholic beverages. Simply, people want parties where there is booze, so booze would increase attendance at university sponsored events. The arguments against his stance were a bit better founded: alcohol is not necessary for a good time and TCU already has a reasonable alcohol policy.

The very fact that this is a bone of contention points out something very wrong. I'm not surprised that there is a polarization between those favoring mind-altering substances and those against them; that is to be expected. What does surprise me is that this is all the debate boils down to. Yes, alcohol is a drug, but it is more in the league of coffee than of crack cocaine.

Although the evidence is by no means sure, there is good reason to believe that alcohol in moderation has a positive health effect. Some doctors working in France attribute the locals' ability to eat food with incredibly high cholesterol content and still maintain low blood cholesterol to their consumption of wine with almost every meal. As long as the alcohol debate centers around weekend binges, America may never realize the possible benefits of responsible drinking.

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Multiculturalism movement denies cultural pride

Whites must be allowed to be proud

TCU through its Global Theme Semester compels us to embrace multiculturalism, and the need to welcome diversity is reinforced often by educators, administrators and the media. It is true we should become more culturally aware, because our very living together in a more globally oriented community requires it.

However, an implicit denial of one's own culture, especially if one is white, underlies the current multicultural movement at TCU and elsewhere. The Global Theme Semester and other formal manifestations of multiculturalism leave out the politically incorrect "dominant" culture of the majority. In other words, the people who are compelled to become more multicultural are the people who are equally, though much more subtly, compelled to deny their own culture and its worth.

One must be allowed to accept one's own heritage before he or she can accept, let alone welcome, other cultures. So long as multiculturalism is served on a silver platter with a holier-than-thou austerity, the goals of the cultural diversity movement and their benefits to a global society will not be fully realized.

The results of modern multiculturalism are twofold. First, events like the Global Theme Semester stimulate a greater understanding of cultures different than our own, which can ultimately lead to the global fraternity which multiculturalism aims. Second, the current course of multiculturalism intentionally disregards the culture of a large segment of the population, and this effect, instead of bringing the target population (i.e. the whites) closer to other cultures, instead alienates large numbers of individuals.

The reason for this is sufficiently obvious but rarely admitted by most proponents of the multicultural movement. The lack of the same sorts of events like the Global Theme Semester for traditional American culture underscores a tacit, seldom acknowledged teaching that our culture is morally reprehensible and hardly worthy of the pride which can be freely bestowed upon any other culture.

For those of us who are white males whose families have lived in the South for generations, it is inappropriate in today's globally conscious society to claim that heritage, let alone be proud of it. Denial and guilt are no substitutes for pride, and they are no means of welcoming diversity.

To claim that one is proud to have descended from Southern white males is to set oneself up as a bigot and a racist, by today's standards, and to invite criticism from other races and from whites who claim to be culturally diverse and who must be comfortable with denying their own heritage. Using labels such as "bigot" and "racist" when one is grappling with learning to welcome diversity is self-defeating and ultimately leads to defensive posturing and a breakdown of the global village.

A significant part of welcoming diversity is welcoming, and being allowed to welcome, one's own background. We must all be free to express what we're proud of. It has been acceptable, even welcomed, to declare what we're not proud of. As we have discovered, it is easier to tear down than to build up.

The Global Theme Semester should not be berated unnecessarily or branded un-American. It is, in fact, a welcome sight, and through its promotion of other cultures, hopefully we'll all learn something about each other. It must be stressed, however, that every street in multiculturalism must be two-way, else they'll be the roads not taken by those who need to travel them most.

There is nothing wrong with the edifice of multiculturalism, so long as it is not a facade. True understanding begins with understanding one's own beliefs and background and being able to explore and express these without fearing our more politically correct neighbors' reprisals.

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Insight

Homosexual students face pain at TCU

By MINDIA CHAMBLESS
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The picture perfect family of mom, dad, Spot, and 2.5 kids sitting around the dinner table religiously at 6:00 every evening may be a symbol of American lifestyle. But, for 23-year-old senior Joseph Smith (not his real name), life reflected this symbol but Joseph's self-image didn't mirror his family's portrait.

"I grew up in the Cleaver family. You know, Ward, June and all the kids," he said. "I dated girls all through high school, and even had a couple of serious girlfriends, but all the time I knew it just wasn't working."

Smith may have known something was wrong, but to this day he still hasn't come to grips with the thought of telling his parents he's gay. Imagining what they would feel hurts him too much.

"I've known I was gay probably since I was 11, but I knew something was screwy with me before then. Of course, my parents still don't know," Smith said.

The pressure of not being able to tell anyone about being gay made him think about dying. He attempted suicide his Freshman year at TCU.

"I was still wrestling with it my Freshman year," he said. "There was no one I could tell. I went through counseling and they taught me to live with it. I thought they could change me, but they can't. So many people have the misconception that this is a choice like a religion, but it isn't."

Smith faced some harsh realities in high school as he began to admit his feelings to himself.

"It's better if you know (whether

or not someone is gay). The most painful experience I ever endured was falling for my best friend in high school who obviously was not gay," he said.

College brought more problems. Smith, who lives in an apartment, had to literally remove himself from them.

"TCU is impossible," he said. "It's not a gay campus. I've never dated anyone from TCU."

Smith's experience with dorm roommates confirmed his opinions about the university gay community.

"I always had straight roommates in college," he said. "That was one of the factors (in my move off-campus)."

Smith may eventually have to make another move if he makes long term plans with a partner.

"It's legal for men to be married in Denmark," he said. "European countries are more open-minded about it and always have been."

"One of the things I regret is that I wanted a family. I would like a monogamous married type relationship eventually," Smith said.

A homosexual couple's decision to get married raises other questions besides the legality of their marriage. For Smith, deciding whether or not to raise children brings up a different set of concerns.

"Adoption has become an option, but I have to ask myself 'would that be okay for the children?' So far, studies say it's not detrimental, but

who's to say what the long term effects would be," Smith said. Long term decisions aside, right now there are organizations and services to help gays and lesbians deal with daily life.

Publications such as the Dallas-based *Voice* newspaper and national magazine *Out* give homosexuals information that is strictly gay and lesbian related.

The *Dallas Observer* also appeals to homosexuals with its men seeking men and women seeking women romance ads.

"They (ads for people seeking members of the same sex) probably get more responses because there are fewer of them listed. Under the heterosexual section there are a lot more ads available so they don't get answered as much," said *Dallas Observer* Romance Advertising Executive Betsy Wheelock.

Although dating services are an option for homosexuals, they are not always the best means for meeting possible partners, Smith said.

"It (answering a romance ad) is basically a blind date. I did it once and it was a disaster. The person was not who they said they were. Pretty much I know who is (gay) and who isn't. But I've been surprised sometimes because not everyone fits the stereotype," he said. "My best dates have been with people I met through friends or at parties, and I met my last boyfriend standing in line for a ride at Six Flags."

However, even the best homosexual relationships face problems just like any heterosexual couple would.

"Two people of the same sex tend to have a better idea of what to expect of each other. So the biggest problem is that the dating process is accelerated. Big problems come up many times faster (than in heterosexual relationships)," Smith said.

The Tarrant County Lesbian and Gay Alliance is one establishment designed to help solve the problems homosexuals encounter. The Alliance is an informational, non-profit referral organization and connects gays and lesbians with services they might not find elsewhere. The Alliance unites homosexuals with religious groups, attorneys and therapy organizations.

The Metropolitan Community Church and the Dignity support group for Catholics are examples of organizations the Alliance depends on to give support to their clients in coping with the reality of being gay.

And Smith needs the support because he's having to lie to some of the people who are most important to him.

"The worst part about (being gay) is having to lie about it to the people closest to me, my family and friends. I have friends that I don't think could handle it. For some of them I think I'm doing them a favor by not telling them," Smith said.

While he's at TCU Smith said he feels the need to keep his homosexuality a secret. For now he says he tries not to project a stereotypical image of a gay male. Smith works on cars and is athletic. That's how he sees himself.

And maybe one day Smith won't need to hide his complete self-image and he'll be able to tell all of his friends he's gay.

AIDS center works to dispel stereotypes surrounding disease

By MINDIA CHAMBLESS
TCU Daily Skiff

A Fort Worth citizen is doing all he can to dispel the myth that AIDS is a gay disease.

Thomas Bruner, the AIDS Outreach Center Executive Director, works to inform the public about the facts of AIDS.

"Before it was called AIDS it was called GRID, for Gay Related Immune Deficiency. It was thought to be an exclusively gay disease," Bruner said.

A survey conducted by the Tarrant County health department from 1982 through August of this year found 957 cases of full-blown AIDS were reported in Tarrant County during that time span. The local health department also estimates that another 10,000 people are infected with the HIV virus.

"On average, a new full-blown AIDS case is reported every other day. Every two to three days, someone dies of AIDS-related complications (in Tarrant County)," Bruner said.

Of the cases of full blown AIDS reported, 62 percent are among gay or bisexual men. Another seven percent are among gay or bisexual men with a history of intravenous drug use. The remaining 31 percent are cases among heterosexuals.

However, the stereotype that only gays catch AIDS was a factor in the lack of advancement in battling the disease, according to Bruner.

"If AIDS had initially struck single, white, middle-class businessmen, there is no doubt we'd be light years ahead in research, treatment, and prevention," he said. "Gays are thought of as expendable and the hatred of gays had everything to do with the inadequate response to the disease."

In 1986, the AIDS Outreach Center was founded, but it was not fully operational until 1988 when the organization received its first grant. The group's programs now include an information line at 335-1994 where questions may be asked about topics such as safer

sex and risk reduction for heterosexuals and homosexuals. Individual counseling and support groups are available to anyone who has tested HIV positive.

"To maintain safe sex, it's an ongoing process, not just handing somebody a brochure," Bruner said.

Since symptoms of AIDS may not appear for 8 to 10 years after the disease is contracted, one aspect the center focuses on is educating young people to practice safer sex now, according to Bruner.

"People tend to think of AIDS as somebody else's problem," he said. "For younger people there is an attitude of invincibility. Sickness, death, and dying are the farthest things from their minds."

Another issue the center tackles is encouraging homosexuals to practice the safer sex methods they are taught. Sometimes homosexuals start practicing unsafe sex once they're outside of the supportive gay community and once they've established a monogamous relationship, Bruner said.

"One (reason) is that the younger the gay man, the more likely (he is to do so)," he said.

When Rock Hudson was diagnosed with AIDS the gay community experienced a critical turning point. AIDS began to gain more attention by the media. And heterosexuals targeted the gay community as the cause of the disease.

"AIDS had everything to do with the backlash against gay and lesbian people. There was an increase in homophobia and gay bashing," he said.

However, educational work such as that performed by the AIDS Outreach Center, has helped finally decrease the generalizations people make about AIDS, Bruner said.

"The more you talk about something, the more you think about it and read about it, the less irrational fear you have," he said. "The gay movement is becoming more sophisticated and mature. It is more acceptable today for heterosexual people to be openly supportive of gay people."

Student shares his story of being gay in a conservative college community

By SARAH YOEST
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The first sign was a shocker. "Kill faggots!" it read. "Faggots die!" cried another.

To most freshmen, waking up to find these signs in the hallways of Milton Daniel would be unsettling. For a gay student, it was devastating.

"I remember when I was a freshman and came to TCU," he said. "That month, there were all these letters in the Skiff about homosexuality. Around the dorms there were signs that said 'Kill faggots!' There was sidewalk chalk everywhere."

"I remember jogging once and there were signs up there on a street lamppost that said 'Kill faggots!' I was like 'Wow, this is crazy!'"

That was October 1990. The campus was covered in pink chalk triangles for National Coming Out Day, and the uproar over two *Skiff* columnists' descriptions of what it's like to be gay at TCU generated letters to the editor for weeks.

That was also the time when Carl (not his real name), now a junior, came out.

"You pretty much always know (that you're gay). You don't exactly

know the word. I guess for myself, it was in high school. I thought, 'Hey, you know, you're gay.'

"I came out right when I got to TCU," Carl said. "You come out when you're ready, personally ready, no matter what circumstance you're in."

Carl's circumstances were crazy.

"But TCU is full of gay people. They're not out. If they are, they're extremely quiet about it."

be some support. That's hard to deal with.

"I don't know how it would be taken at TCU if there were a lesbian and gay student organization," he said.

Carl said an organized lesbian and gay group might not be necessary to meet other homosexuals. He hasn't had a problem meeting other gay students.

"I just come from a different world at TCU," he said. "In my major, it's not hard to meet a

lot of people who are gay. I don't know what other schools are like."

The rest of the campus contradicts Carl's ease at meeting other gay students, he said.

"I guess it is harder (to meet other gay people) because not as many people are out," Carl said. "But TCU is full of gay people. They're not out. If they are, they're extremely quiet about it."

At one point Carl was quieter about his homosexuality. He eventually turned to his church to cope with his decision to come out.

"I'm extremely religious," he said. "I know so many gay people who aren't religious at all, because of

The anti-gay attitudes which were inflamed by the *Skiff* columns and National Coming Out Day made TCU seem like a very conservative, homophobic environment, he said.

But Carl didn't let that stop him from doing what he thought he had to do.

"I came out at TCU right when I met somebody, and I went out with him for about a year," he said.

Carl soon found there wasn't much support for someone who admitted they were homosexual.

"There aren't a lot of organizations to help you," he said. "It's such a fragile point when you're doing that (coming out), and there should

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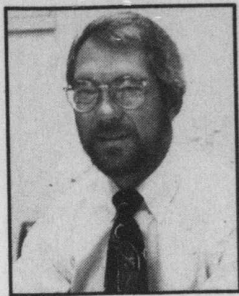
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Trip through Latin America an enlightening experience



Imagine this. You are lying on your hotel bed dozing fitfully at 2:30 in the morning. In a few hours, you will board an airplane to return to the United States. The sound of knocking rouses you and, groping in the dim light, you throw open the door.

Suddenly, standing there in your pajamas, you are face-to-face with the president of the country! A free-wheeling, deeply personal discussion with a dozen students and professors at the hotel lasts until 4 a.m. You then head for the airport, feeling so charged that you could fly back to the States without an airplane.

Or try this. You get a call from a young businessman you've gotten to know while visiting his country. He asks "Can you play tennis tomorrow morning *con el presidente*?" Thinking he is teasing, you say, "Of course." The next day, you are flabbergasted to find yourself across the net from a former president of the

country!
Visualize yourself in a Baptist church with hundreds of hymn-singing evangelicals. The joy of worship and the fervor of belief is written on their faces. You could easily be in Fort Worth, except for one thing. The person being honored in this country is known in your country as a Marxist revolutionary. Yet here he is, singing, praying and reading the Bible with the Baptists! Moreover, there is no mistaking the love and mutual respect flowing between this "Marxist" and these Baptists.

Suppose you and several friends have traveled to a small village somewhere in Latin America to visit the birthplace of a national hero. Alas, this place is closed because the government cannot afford to keep it open. Disappointed, you sit down on the dusty curb and wonder what to do next.

The first passerby greets you warmly and asks what is wrong. The next thing you know, she has found the curator for you, he has opened the facility and you are getting a personal guided tour. And no, he will not take any money for his efforts. This is his heritage. You have come a long way to share it. That is enough.

What I have described here are a

few of my own experiences in Latin America. They took place in Nicaragua, in Mexico, in El Salvador and Chile. They are not isolated or particularly exceptional. They have taught me to treasure serendipity (meeting a president in my "skivvies"). They have taught me that I can learn the most unexpected things in what seem like very familiar settings.

Here in the United States, we are conditioned to think that when a revolutionary meets Baptists they could have nothing in common. But I took part in such a meeting in Latin America. It was perhaps the most intense moment of civic bonding I have ever witnessed.

This is a glimpse of the Latin America I know, and am still getting to know. This Latin America defies one's expectations. It challenges one's assumptions. It is bound to stimulate a curious and open mind. By experiencing the life, the culture, the politics of Latin America, we can find endless opportunities to see ourselves through fresh eyes. And in the end, we will know a lasting affection for the Latin American people.

J. Michael Dodson is a professor of political science.



Business school to host Communications Day

By HOLLY LOHREN
TCU Daily Skiff

The M.J. Neeley School of Business will host a Global Communication Day Oct. 1 in accordance with the Global Theme Semester.

Events will begin at 10 a.m. in the Atrium of Tandy Hall. The objective is to provide students with experience in communicating in Latin American business situations, said Harriet Harral of the Center for Productive Communication.

"The idea came because of the Global Theme Semester," she said. "We decided to emphasize to the students the importance of communicating and developing skills internationally."

Interaction is the purpose, she said. The activities are meant to teach students on what they should do if they were in Mexico doing business.

A series of simulations will imitate interaction between people from each culture.

First, a marketplace will be simulated. Pier One will have Mexican items for sale with the prices marked in pesos. Radio Shack will provide devices for currency conversion, language translation and time zone conversions. These devices will be for demonstration and for sale.

A restaurant will also be prepared. This simulation will attempt to teach students what to eat, when to eat and how much it costs to eat in Mexico. This simulation will also teach individuals how to tip in restaurants in a foreign land.

The third simulation is of a Mexican business. The business will demonstrate a different culture's nonverbal communication and the use of time in a foreign country.

For example, in Mexico the typical greeting is a hug whereas in America the greeting is a handshake, Harral said. And the number

of times an individual is clapped on the back is a demonstration of how happy the Mexican business-person is about the business deal that is taking place.

Mexican timing will be exemplified in the simulated businesses. In Mexico 9 a.m. doesn't necessarily mean 9 a.m., Harral said, but probably 9:30 a.m. The businesses will simulate the waiting period that foreigners would experience.

Information about importing and exporting from a Mexican company will be provided at the business simulation. Prizes will be available at this game.

"Anyone who comes can play these games, shop, eat or set up a business deal," Harral said. "It's a fun way to alert people to cultural nonverbal communication."

Volunteers from the Organization of Latin American Students will help with the language barrier. The Berlitz School in Fort Worth will also facilitate the process of communicating with foreigners. AT&T will have a language line which translates 144 languages. A hot line will be set up with up-to-the-minute market conditions.

"If students find themselves in a scene where they are doing business with Mexico or another Latin American country, they'll be alerted to nonverbal communication and cultural differences," she said.

In addition, Green Honors Professor Dr. Adolfo Aguilar Zinser of Mexico's National Autonomous University will speak at 3 p.m. on "Vamos a Mexico: Crossing the Communication Border."

"The dean was already in the process of having Zinser come," Harral said. "We're just trying to incorporate the skills of writing, communication, and technology. International communication is really important and we feel we must alert TCU students to the verbal and cultural differences."

Public's attention span getting shorter

By JIM SHEEHAN
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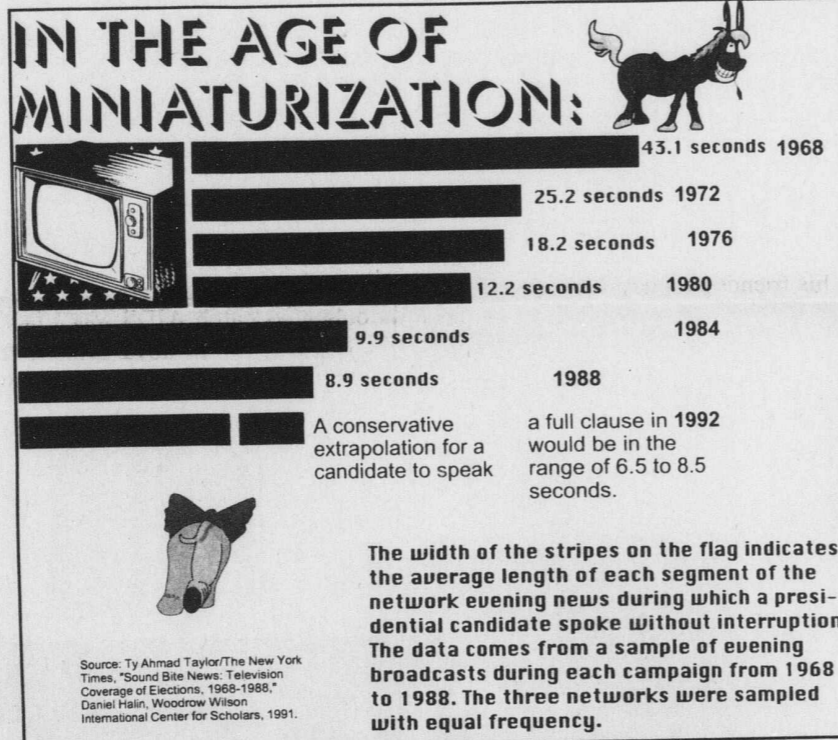
With the advent of the television "sound bite," today's public speakers are attempting to shorten their speeches to fit the medium of television, catering to a public whose attention span may have disappeared.

In 1986, television producers began using the term "sound bite" when a presidential candidate spoke for 43 uninterrupted seconds in an average appearance on the evening news. In 1988, the average sound bite for a presidential candidate lasted nine seconds.

"Naturally, nothing of any significance is going to be said in 9.8 seconds," Walter Cronkite said in a recent article in the *New York Times*.

In this campaign year, some newscasts have already featured candidates speaking uninterrupted for more than a minute.

Recently, "CBS Evening News" instituted a new policy on sound bites in an attempt to reverse the downward trend. The policy requires any presidential candidate speaking on any of the program's political stories



The width of the stripes on the flag indicates the average length of each segment of the network evening news during which a presidential candidate spoke without interruption. The data comes from a sample of evening broadcasts during each campaign from 1968 to 1988. The three networks were sampled with equal frequency.

decisions.

Sound bites do have a positive purpose: they are triggers or headlines for deeper issues, Willock said. He said he hopes future sound bites will spur voters to investigate issues for themselves.

The public's attention span has been shrinking since the advent of MTV, which forces anyone in search of an audience, such as politicians, newspaper reporters, or television producers, to deliver shorter and more potent quotes, Willock said.

Still, others contend that a solid substantive sound bite never goes out of style. They point to sound bites such as "Let there be light" and "We have nothing to fear but fear itself."

David Hobbs, a Republican candidate from Fort Worth for the U.S. Congress, said it is essential to be concise with language today.

"It's unfortunate that the political process is trivialized and short changed by the need to sum up major political issues in a cute 10-15 second dialogue," Hobbs said. "But, until we change the media we've got to make due with what we've got."



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Sports

'Frisco should let Giants go

By TY BENZ
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I can't figure out the fans in San Francisco.

They haven't supported their baseball team, the Giants, in around two years, finishing near the bottom in attendance. They've rejected a proposal to build a new stadium three times (windy Candlestick Park is pure hell for players and fans alike), and have only cried and moaned about the Giants all season long.

So now the Giants' owner Bob Lurie is finally fed up with everything in 'Frisco and tries to sell the team to a group of investors in St. Petersburg, Fla. Everything is great and dandy. The fans in St. Pete are starving for baseball, they have already built a fabulous stadium and would welcome the Giants with open arms.

There's just one little problem...the fans in 'Frisco are howling.

They've called Lurie everything from traitor to bloodsucker... and these are mild compared to some of the other things I've heard.

Huh? I don't get it. If somebody didn't support my team, made me play in a crappy stadium, and stayed away in droves...I'd run away too. Frankly, the fans (if you can call them that) should just shut up and let the Giants escape this version of hell.

And while I'm on the subject of baseball, you have to give manager Jim Leyland and the Pittsburgh Pirates tons of credit. The Pirates, despite having a two-man offense of Barry Bonds and Andy Van Slyke, have used the old fashioned style of baseball: pitching, defense, the running game and manufacturing runs to win a division title. Are you listening Rangers?

I hate to gloat, but I was right about the Dodgers this year. At the beginning of the year, everyone kept saying how awesome outfielders Eric Davis and Darryl Strawberry were

going to be. Guess what? After several million dollars, all they've gotten is weak production (Davis and Strawberry have combined for only 10 home runs and 57 RBIs) and a lot of time on the disabled list. For the first time in over 20 years, the Dodgers are going to finish in the cellar.

Expect Angels phenom pitcher Jim Abbott to be traded in off-season. He and the Angels are over \$3 million apart in contract talks.

One last note on baseball. Who would have thought at the beginning of the year that the Houston Astros would be the best team in Texas?

On to the NFL. Just how far has former Cowboy quarterback Steve Walsh fallen in New Orleans? Try third string. He has yet to appear in a regular season game, and is running the scout team offense for the Saints. Ring up another coup for trader Jimmy.

Cowboy fans gave a big sigh of relief when former All-Pro Philadelphia tight-end Keith Jackson signed a four-year \$6 million contract with the Miami Dolphins. Everyone in the AFC winced when they heard that news...that gives All-World quarterback Dan Marino another excellent target to work with. Speaking of Marino, he's so good that he led a comeback TD drive in the final minutes of the Miami-Seattle game despite having a concussion and retrograde amnesia...he didn't know who or where he was. Incredible.

Speaking of the 3-0 Dolphins...next week will be a big test when they play 4-0 Buffalo. This game should be a barn burner and will prove how good both teams are. Buffalo is 4-0, but has routed New England and Indianapolis, who are both pitiful. This will show how good Buffalo is because the only legitimate team they've beaten is San Francisco.

Speaking of 'Frisco, in a week they will have a smoking and flaming QB controversy when future

Hall-of-Famer Joe Montana makes his return from his elbow surgery that cost him last season. Just one problem: current QB Steve Young has been red hot this year and has kept Joe to take a sit at the end of the bench and retire gracefully after the season is over.

How do you treat "the best QB ever" when the one you've got is pretty damn good? Simple...you tell Joe to take a sit at the end of the bench and retire gracefully after the season is over.

Finishing with college football. How desperate is Arkansas Athletic Director Frank Broyles? He hired convicted NCAA cheater Danny Ford, the ex-Clemson coach who won the national title in 1982 and promptly went on probation the following season, as an "offensive consultant." This is a real vote of confidence for interim head coach Joe Kines.

Now that SMU has risen from the grave and come back to life, the worst team in the Southwest Conference is still in the Metroplex. It's a sad day in TCU football when SMU (3-1) and Rice (1-2) have better records than the winless Frogs. If this is a new beginning then I want the old Frogs back.

Speaking of former Frogs, former TCU head coach Jim Wacker is off to a resounding thud at Minnesota...0-3. He still doesn't have a clue on how to play defense. The Golden Gophers have given up over 30 points twice in the last three games, but at least they've made it interesting. Two weeks ago, they came within a missed field goal of upsetting nationally ranked Colorado.

I'm glad this alma mater controversy is over and a compromise was reached. It showed one important thing. Coach Sullivan does listen to the student body. Finally, the focus can be back to getting that elusive first win. Because after Oklahoma State on Saturday, there aren't any cream puffs left on the schedule.

Frog netters open season with win

By BEN WALTERS
TCU Daily Skiff

After losing two All-Americans and five lettermen, many expected the TCU men's tennis team to be rebuilding. But after winning the singles and doubles titles at the Texas A&M Invitational, it seems the Frogs have not rebuilt, but reloaded.

"Our performance was pretty good for the first time out," coach Tut Bartz said. "We definitely had some bright spots, but it doesn't mean we are going to beat the entire conference."

One of the bright spots was freshman David Roditi. He defeated Texas A&M's Ricardo Rodarte to capture the singles championship.

Another bright spot was junior transfer Dax Peterson. Peterson and junior Devin Bowen teamed to win the doubles crown.

Roditi lost the first set to Rodarte, 6-4, but battled to win the second set in a tie-breaker, 7-6, and he rolled to the title by winning the third set, 6-0.

"He showed a lot of grit," Bartz said. "He was almost to the point of losing in the first round, but he weathered that and went on to play well."

Peterson and Bowen captured the doubles title in straight sets 7-5, 6-2. It was Peterson's debut as a Horned Frog after transferring from San Diego State. Coach Bartz said he was impressed with Peterson's play.

"Peterson played well in doubles," Bartz said. "but he also played really well in singles."

In the singles consolation bracket, sophomore Chris Milliron advanced to the championship game. But Baylor's Francisco Santillan defeated Milliron 7-5, 6-3, to prevent a Horned Frog sweep of the

titles. Overall, the Frogs were 13-8 in singles and 6-2 in doubles. Two of the losses were because TCU players were on both sides of the net.

Bartz said he was pleased with the team's effort. But he said people should not overestimate the importance of the tournament.

"The tournament helped us get a better idea about where we are compared to the competition," Bartz said. "but nobody had all their players down there."

Bartz left seniors Laurent Becouarn and Ricardo Rubio in Fort Worth. Bartz said both will compete in the LSU Invitational this weekend in Baton Rouge.

Four other teams competed in the tournament at the Omar Smith Tennis Center in College Station, including Baylor, Oklahoma, Texas Tech and host Texas A&M.

Magic returns to the Lakers

By JOHN NADEL
Associated Press

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Unable to leave the game he loves even to fight for his life, Magic Johnson returned to pro basketball Tuesday.

Less than a year after retiring because he had contracted the AIDS virus, Johnson announced that he will play again this season for the Los Angeles Lakers and said it was only natural.

"That court is where I belong, no matter what happens," Johnson said, speaking in the same room where his bade his sad, shocking goodbye last Nov. 7.

"I'm playing again," he beamed. "Yeaaaa. Finally." Johnson probably won't play full

time, and he'll be checked and double-checked by doctors who admit they don't know just what the grind of professional basketball will do to a man with Johnson's medical condition.

He'll be back, wearing No. 32, flashing that big smile and playing the game as only Magic can.

"It's time to go back to work, it's time to have some fun," Johnson said. "I think the positives outweigh all the risks. That's not saying there are no risks, because life itself a risk. But being out there, I won't be worried about that. If I was concerned about that, I'd still be retired."

The mood this time was decidedly different from that retirement announcement 327 days ago.

"This is a lot more relaxed ... better," said Johnson. "It was much

tougher then because I was having to say goodbye."

Johnson's wife, Cookie, said he was behind his decision to return "totally ... 100 percent."

Since Johnson announced his retirement, there had been a steady stream of speculation and controversy about his future, mixed with his triumphant appearances in the NBA All-Star Game in February and the Olympics this summer. It was that success and the lack of additional medical problems that convinced Johnson to return.

"The true test for me was playing against the players in practice on the Olympic team and watching as I was just getting better and better, playing hard against them every day, going at it like it was a regular game," Johnson said.

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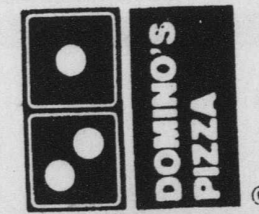
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