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Tony Smith (left) attempts to retain possession of the ball and sneak by Mark Wall (center) and Clay Hancock during a football challenge on the lawn outside of Tom Brown and Pete Wright halls.

Students must be street smart, detective says

By LIZ CARDENAS TCU Daily Skiff

Teaching students how to outthink criminals was Chicago police detective J.J. Bittenbinder's main objective at the Street Smarts seminar Tuesday.

"Education is empowerment and that's what we're doing here," Bittenbinder said.

Many victims say they did not think it could have happened to them, he said.

"If I only save one woman here from getting raped then I have accomplished something," he said. Kappa Alpha Theta and Alpha

Delta Pi sororities hosted the event and about 300 university students attended. "We talked about having a forum to serve the campus, and self defense

was one of the ideas," said Susan Huffman, Kappa Alpha Theta vice president for fraternal development. The idea of having Bittenbinder speak at the university came after seeing him on "Prime Time Live,"

Huffman said. Bittenbinder has been a Chicago police officer since 1971 and a homicide detective for 16 years.

Because he has seen so many murders and rapes over the years, Bittenbinder said the most important thing is avoiding a bad situation.

"Victims are selected on a vulnerability scale," he said. "All criminals classify victims the same."

Criminals have excellent instincts and know how to pick their victims, Bittenbinder said.

"It's a visual thing," he said. "A tough target is a way of looking at things to make sure you're not the weakest one there. I'm here to teach you how to make up your own tips."

The reason Bittenbinder is so effective is because he gives common sense practical ideas, Huffman

First, you must always be aware of what is happening around you, Bittenbinder said.

"Walk around with your head up," he said. "You can look away (when you are passing by someone), but don't look down. That makes you look weak and subservient."

Other things to remember include walking in groups, walking in either well lighted areas or in the middle of the street and driving to a police sta-

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On-campus recruiting helps students meet employers

By TAMI M. DEVITO TCU Daily Skiff

Seniors, graduate students and alumni will get a chance to be interviewed by various employers at oncampus recruiting in October.

The university's Career Planning and Placement Center holds the annual event to put students in touch with potential employers.

Career counselor Jennifer Clough said on-campus recruiting makes it possible for employers to have easy access to students.

More than 25 companies will be at the on-campus recruiting this year. The high unemployment rate has not affected the number of companies attending, Clough said.

"It's tough out there for students, but as far as the number of companies who have had contact with us, we're still doing okay," she said. We plan to do fine for the fall and spring as far as our recruiting goes."

In order to participate in on-campus interviews, students must have an updated credentials file, a KiNexus data disk on file and attend an on-campus interviewing

orientation. Envelopes with information about employers interviewing on campus are available at the Career Center three weeks prior to the recruiting date. Students must register for an interview by completing a

lottery slip. The Career Center staff will then draw the names of qualified students from the lottery slips and post a list of those names on the bulletin board in the Career Center. Students "We feel that the students get a who are chosen for interviews must schedule a time at the Career Center.

Wallace Computer Services has been attending the on-campus recruiting at the university for approximately 10 years, and has employed about six or seven TCU graduates over the past three years.

Wallace's district sales manager, Pat Fay, is a university alumnus who was recruited by Wallace Computer Services at a TCU oncampus recruiting session eight

Fay said Wallace is very selective in the candidates they hire, and that

he likes to recruit at TCU because of the excellent training the students receive.

quality education and thus we can implement that into the workplace here at Wallace," he said. "We feel like the students are well prepared in entering the marketplace with that education.'

Prior planning on the student's part is essential, Fay said. Students should find out as much information about the company they are interviewing with as possible. They can get this information through the Career Planning and Placement Center, he said.

"Not enough students utilize the placement center," Fay said. "Since I have been interviewing, I would say the number of people coming to the placement center has declined over the years and, unfortunately, it's more difficult to hire people. When we are on campus we're there for a purpose, to take a look at hiring people, we aren't there to waste their time or ours."

Caroline Drews, director of personnel at Coopers & Lybrand, said the high unemployment rate has not affected recruiting. Entry-level accountants are still needed, and Coopers & Lybrand is still hiring the same number of people they have hired in the past several years, she said.

"All of my entry levels, I get from campus recruiting," Drews said. "Many of the TCU students want to remain in Fort Worth and I like that because if I can go to TCU, I can usually get more hires."

Drews said Coopers & Lybrand uses on-campus recruiting to get acquainted with students and selects those with the proper credentials to go to their facility for more extensive interviews.

"We are lucky that we can go and become acquainted with students," she said. "The good thing for the employer is that the placement office prepares the student. They learn all about putting their best foot forward and that gives them a step ahead of others in terms of finding a job. It helps us to have a prepared student."

Dean looks back over 38 years, says problems haven't changed

By MICHELE GRAY TCU Daily Skiff

The more things change, the more

Students have searched for advice from Dean of Students Elizabeth Proffer for 38 years, and she said the problems she has listened to are similar to the ones back in 1954, when Proffer began teaching journalism at the university.

"Their questions are the same." she said. "They (students) talk to me about health problems, how they're getting along in class, whether they're making it financially or problems with getting along with their roommate or their boyfriend."

similar, but a sharp contrast consists she said. comparable to earlier generations,

"Students have changed," she said. "There is a greater stress on students. I call this generation the troubled generation. Many come from broken homes, they were abused and ple. peer pressure is far greater than in the

past.' Proffer said she can relate to the students from broken families because her father was an alcoholic and her mother cared for six children.

She also disagrees with Vice President Dan Quayle's comments about single mothers.

"Nuclear families are not typical," she said. "Children are reared in single-parent households. These children are not all poor, black and living in the ghettos. Many TCU students have divorced parents."

tion the troubled generation. Many come from broken homes, they were abused and peer pressure is far greater than in the past." **ELIZABETH PROFFER,**

Proffer said women are not required to stay at home anymore, cook and

Dean of students

"It's okay too, if (the woman) The majority of the problems are makes the choice of staying home,"

take care of the babies.

"I'm a feminist in a sense, because I wanted women to have equal opportunities to do what's best for them," she said.

Proffer said society has brought about peer pressure for young peo-"When you watch a TV program,

the alcohol pressure and illegal drugs - it's phenomenal," she said. "It's just cool to do it."

In earlier days, drinking would compliment social activities, Proffer

"Now it has taken center ring," she said, "Party till you puke. In 1954, TCU had a little marijuana around. But not heroin or crack."

Sexual pressure also has been different and advertisers are to blame, Proffer said. Whether selling jeans or cars, sexual connotations are illus-

trated in each ad, and those ads hurt many women, she said.

"I didn't even know about eating disorders until I saw it encased on TV," she said.

"There's not enough sex education," she said. "It surprises me that there's AIDS and students still have unprotected sex."

In 1954, Proffer arrived as the first student activities director, and a journalism teacher. On Aug. 1, 1973, she became the university's first student

The Student Center was in its completion process in 1954, and Proffer heard about fraternities and sororities for the first time. At North Texas State College, where she graduated with her journalism degree, the school didn't have those organiza-

Students didn't support the inception of Greek organizations here because students did not want a "snobby" label associated with the university, Proffer said.

Students went so far as to burn a Board of Trustee object in effigy to protest, she said.

But the university continued the process because more students would be attracted to the school and revenues from alumni would come pouring in, she said.

When the first rush began, a fraternity hid a penny in the stadium and made their pledges look for it, she

a row looking for it," she said. "One see Dean, page 4

"They staved up for two nights in

A HEADACHE THIS DIG



TCU Daily Skiff/ Jenny Putchinski Free safety Greg Evans feels the agony of defeat after SMU blasts the Frogs, 21-9, during Saturday's game.

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Free trade

Columnist looks at the NAFTA trade agreement and the presidential race.

METROPLEX

Today's weather will be sunny and warm with a high of

Friday will be sunny with a high of 84 degrees.

Campus club provides mix of religions

By ALAN PARRY TCU Daily Skiff

ICTHUS, a non-denominational Christian group for students, has resumed activity on campus.

The group, which was on campus in the '70s, was brought back last year by university students David Douglass, Marietta Shriber and Jason Sneed. Douglass and Shriber have since graduated, and Sneed is a senior who is working in Washington on an internship.

Sophomore Gordon Blocker and senior Leigh Ann Smith are now coleading the group.

The purpose of ICTHUS is to "unify the campus" and give people a comfortable place to hang out, Blocker said.

"It's a place you can bring non-Christian friends," Smith said.

Other students have a chance for leadership by training in the spring to be core leaders. There are currently 12 core leaders who meet during the week to plan the events for each upcoming meeting. Outgoing seniors train the new leaders each year, said Jeff Guerrero, a sophomore pre-

TCU is one of seven schools with an ICTHUS chapter, Blocker said. The organization began at the Colonial Presbyterian Church in Kansas City, he said.

ICTHUS is much like the high school organization Young Life, said

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to be in a performance group with faculty with doctorates in perfor-

mance," Kulp said. "It is like being in

a professional orchestra where you

are expected to go into the first

Sprenger said the hour-long pro-

Students will especially recognize

The concert will also include Fort

Kenneth Raessler, chairman of the

music department, said the string

department is the fastest growing

area percentage-wise in the music

"There is a growth in size and a

growth in quality of the full TCU

He gave the following example:

when students get into minor car

accidents on the highway at night,

they should pull over with the car

doors locked and the engine still run-

ning. Then they should roll down

their window an inch and put their

driver's license up to the glass to let

Students should ask for the driver's

name and identification, but if the

driver refuses, then the student

should write down the person's

license plate number or a description

of the driver and the car. The student

should then drive away and contact

tenbinder said. Get the one with red

mace) will put down a grizzly bear,"

"A 9-ounce can (of red pepper

Mace is effective because you can

No matter what, Bittenbinder said

harm more than one person at a time

with it and even just holding it can

everyone should yell. People have to

motivate others to come and help

them, so always yell, "Fire," he said.

keep criminals away, he said.

the police.

safety devices.

away, he said.

pepper in it, he said.

he said.

bad guys," he said.

the other person involved read it.

gram is short, concise and features

music that reaches out to the average

Barber's Adagio for Strings because

it has been used in many commer-

Worth Symphony soloists in the per-

formance of Bach's Second Bran-

cials, he said.

department.

denburg Concerto.

rehearsal knowing all the notes."

String talents form ensemble

Thursday, October 1, 1992

By CARRIE BREWER TCU Daily Skiff

University music faculty, graduate students and unde graduate students will come together as equals in a 16piece chamber orchestra on Monday night.

The group, called a Camerata, is a string ensemble that performs without a conductor. The Camerata will be performing at 7:30 p.m. in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium as a part of the TCU Music Series concerts.

Kurt Sprenger, assistant professor of strings, said he created the group last year to give string students more outlets for playing than just the TCU Symphony.

"Everyone has input in this type of group," Sprenger said. "There is no one supreme being over the whole group. Musically, that makes a better

Sprenger said he enjoyed performing in a conductorless ensemble in

Street/ from page 1

tion or a public place if someone is

binder hears from victims is that it

don't have a plan, you're in trouble,"

Criminals approach people, get

"They want to see the fear in your

right in their faces and ask them a

eyes and hear the fear in your voice,"

he said. "They also want to occupy

your thoughts. You say, 'No,' firmly,

For example, if a criminal asks for

a student's money, the student

should begin to pull out a money clip

from an outside pocket of a purse or

money, say "This is all I got," throw

the money clip one way and run the

"You can't believe anything they

It is important for students to think

Bittenbinder used an elevator

"Don't get on an elevator if you

don't like who's on the elevator," he

said. "And if you're on the elevator

alone and someone comes in you

don't like, get off. Now, if you do not

have a problem with the person

entering the elevator, but as soon as

the door shuts, he starts grabbing at

can so the door opens. Do not push

the alarm button because that will

him even if he hits you because he tenbinder said.

(criminals) say," he said. "They'll

lie, threaten or say anything to get

you to do what they want you to do."

and go with their instincts, he said.

jacket, letting the person see the has a weapon, he said.

scene as an example to illustrate his cent of the time will someone actu-

your skirt, push all the buttons you tion is when the criminal has the least

stop the elevator from moving. If he a stranger's car, students should

tries to hit the alarm button, block never get out of their own cars, Bit-

ally get shot.

wounded; and

victim will live.

amount of control."

The most repeated phrase Bitten-

following you, he said.

happened so fast, he said.

he said

question, he said.

and then walk away."

other, Bittenbinder said.

Los Angeles and wanted to bring that type of experience to the university.

The best players in the string department are invited to perform in the Camerata, Sprenger said. He said he selects the students based on their performances in other groups.

Linda Piatt, a sophomore violin performance and music education double major, said Sprenger asked her to join the ensemble when she was a freshman.

Piatt said she has played in an orchestra of that size, but never without a conductor.

"I like the challenge of performing without a conductor," Piatt said. "You really have to listen to all the different parts to stay together."

Julie Kulp, a senior viola performance and music education double major, said her private lessons teacher, Joanie Baczewski, recommended Kulp to Sprenger for performing in the group.

wants to do more than just hit you."

get a lot," he said

"If you're not prepared, if you the secondary crime scene. He goes

"You have to give up a little bit to

"Never go anywhere with any-

The weakest part of a grip is the

thumb, so always try to break loose

from an attacker by bending or grab-

in the opposite direction, he said.

bing the person's thumb and pulling

"If you get knocked down, stay

down and keep your feet facing the

guy," he said. "Swivel on your butt,

kicking him. If he grabs your coat,

come out of it, and if it's your blouse,

rip it off. You're not getting in the car

This is also true when a criminal

Bittenbinder cited the following

example to show that if a criminal points a gun in a student's face, the

chances of surviving are greater if the

student runs away than if the student

times, only 50 percent of the time the

•If this situation happened 100

•Of those 50 times, only 50 per-

•Out of those 25 times that a per-

son gets shot, only 50 percent of the

time will that person be mortally

•That means that 87.5 times the

"But you have to do it right away,"

In addition to never getting inside

he said. "The immediate confronta-

goes with the criminal:

criminal will actually shoot;

one," Bittenbinder said. "It's called

where he has more control."

"This is a really great experience Symphony as well," he said. Insanity Fair

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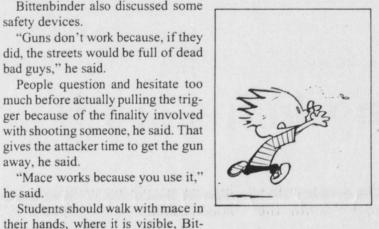






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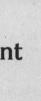


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Restlessness dwells inside all, spurs us on to life's next phase

At one time or another most college students will undergo a period of restlessness.

Parents will have another term for this behavior. They will call it "laziness." They will call it "being undisciplined." Restless, they will say, is how children act in church after their ziploc bag is empty of cheerios.

Students become a sort of misanthrope. Grades falter. Ideas of Europe, the Peace Corps, a "Real Job," an internship, studying abroad or just plain dropping out cross the mind. "If I could only just" begins every thought about that ominous "real world" students are taking a four- to sixyear break from: the future.

Our stay in this purgatorial realm of college is punctuated by brief "vacations" into the real world. "Vacations" is hardly the word for a period of time in which you must follow the edicts of the real world.



WELLS

Think of "summer vacations." As we grow older they translate into periods of summer jobs, and summer internships. Depending upon the job, you live with your parents and have

to abide by their After experi-

encing the limited independence of college this is a hard thing to do, unless your parents are lenient, and don't mind your leaving the house at 3 a.m. for a Whataburger run. In most homes this is not normal behavior.

This is why after the sophomore year everyone goes to summer school. That way they can stay in Purgatory. They will complain about having to study, and wanting to have a normal summer; yet, they will be happy that they are among all their friends, and can still go on Whataburger runs. This is why college is a Purgatory. It is neither Heaven nor Hell.

But, as you grow older, you realize that sooner or later summer school is not going to be an option any longer. There is a need for travel, a "Real Job" or an internship. The junior year has arrived, and you haven't studied abroad yet. The following

spring or summer may be your last chance. Thoughts like, "What kind of job can I get with these grades?", "I have no experience," "I don't even have a major," or "I

hate my major" flow through your head as often as the urge to breathe.

It seems as if everyone else is better off than you are. Truthfully some are, but should be comforting to know that the numbers are not large.

The restlessness doesn't go away. I know it sounds pessimistic, but that restlessness has always been there.

Anyone who has an older sibling knows what I am talking about. You want to emulate the things they do, but you can't you're too young. For boys it may be sports. For girls it may be wearing makeup. Your mother tells you to wait.

You do, and the time comes that you conquer that restlessness. But it returns. When you were in eighth grade you

wanted to be able to do the things high school kids do. When you were in high school you wanted to do the things college kids do. Who never said to their high school teachers, "In college they don't count tardies or absences — you can do whatever you want to"?

It goes in a circular motion. When you are young you desire to be old. When you are old you desire to be young.

The people who realize that the restlessness is ambition are those who succeed. It is from the restlessness that we get our ideas, our dreams.

So, your parents are right. Restless is how children get during church when their ziploc is empty of cheerios. It's just that the child wants to be like the adults around him, but doesn't know how.

David Wells is a restless junior whose ambition, he hopes, will take him places.

Bush reelection will guarantee NAFTA treaty's ratification

In a year when President Bush's reelection hopes seem to ride solely on the ability of our sluggish economy to recover, most voters remain unaware of one of the President's major economic proposals that might be

> in danger should he not be reelected: the North American

> Free Trade Agreement. NAFTA would create the world's largest trading bloc, extending the free trade provisions currently enjoyed by Canada and the United States to Mexico.

In 1990, President Bush and President Salinas of Mexico began negotiating a bilateral trade agreement. In June 1991 trade ministers from Canada joined the move toward creating a free trade zone "from the Yukon to the

Yucatan, an area of over 300 million people and \$6 trillion in annual output. In August the negotiations were completed, and the it now faces a battle in Congress for ratification.

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Marking what Bush calls the "beginning of a new era," the agreement will impact the United States in many beneficial ways. For one, workers of the entire region will become more competitive with their counterparts in both Japan and the emerging European Community by forging the respective productive strengths of the U.S., Canada and Mexico into one eco-

In addition, increased sales of U.S. cars, auto parts, computers and telecommunications equipment are likely because Mexican tariffs, which now average 250 percent higher than U.S. tariffs, will be eliminated over the next 15 years.

Sen. Jack Danforth of Missouri said the treaty is a "bold and exciting idea" that ranks "among the most important economic developments for the United States since World War II."

Although NAFTA has great potential for increasing trade and creating jobs, the Democratic nominee for president has failed to support it. Newsweek reported last week that Bill Clinton "has been waffling on NAFTA, waiting to see the fine print before casting his lot one way or the other. But he is being edged toward protectionism by Congressional Democrats.

There are several reasons why Clinton is pandering to House Democrats and failing to support NAFTA. Some critics such as the AFL-CIO secretary treasurer call the agreement "a bad deal for American workers." It is true that many low wage jobs in the U.S. may be lost as companies take advantage of lower wage rates in Mexico and relocate production facilities across the border. However, higher paying jobs could be realized in the U.S. as Mexico gains needed capital and demands higher technology from the U.S. Also, President Bush is considering provisions to fund the retraining of workers who are displaced by the agreement's effects.

Perhaps the greatest arguments against NAFTA that Clinton and other critics hold regard the environmental impact of the agreement. Opponents believe U.S. corporations would take advantage of lower Mexican environmental standards and contribute to the degradation of the environment in Mexico and along the border.

Last week I attended a Senate Finance Committee hearing in which a dozen Senators discussed NAFTA's environmental impact with William Reilly, chairman of the Environmental Protection Agency, who said the treaty is the most environmentally sound trade agreement he has ever seen. Under its provisions, any state or local government can set environmental standards that incoming products must meet so that trade to occur.

However, NAFTA is foremost a trade agreement, not an environmental treaty. Rhode Island Sen. John Chafee compelled the senators not to be "sidetracked by red herrings - or in this case, green herrings."

Gov. Clinton has been sidetracked by green herrings. His lack of support for NAFTA can only be attributed to typical election year posturing, and he cannot afford to admit that Bush has scored big with this agreement.

We should be wise to take this issue to the ballot box in November and consider the merits of our president in this global economy in which we now live.

Jason Sneed is interning this semester with the

PURPLE POLL

Should a multicultural course requirement be added to the UCR?



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Today's Purple Poll question was asked of 100 students as they were discussing the events of the day in the Main Cafeteria on Wednesday evening. Responding with no opinion: 13.

EDITORIAL

Thank you, no

Perot should stay out of presidential race

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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What a sham(e).

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The man who has turned his back on the people once before has stirred their hopes again, and what's worse is they want him back.

Perot calls it democracy at its finest. It's idolatry at its worst. The same man who withdrew from the race (if he was ever truly in it) because he believed he would only disrupt the political process is doing nothing more than disrupting the process and prepar-

I am writing in reference to Jeff Blaylock's

editorial written about Bush's prayer mandate.

I agree 100 percent with his opinion, and I

Bush not only seems to have forgotten the

separation of church and state in his view on

school prayer, but also in his self-appointed

role as morality policeman of the United

States. I personally have a big problem with

with the president's policies, what happened to

my constitutional right to privacy and the right

to decide what is best for my body? I would like

to see Bush stay out of my prayers, school,

home and body. It is about time he starts doing

his real job as political leader of this country,

although I cannot say I am willing to endure

I dread the day that Roe v. Wade comes

before Bush's Supreme Court. That will sure-

ly give new meaning to the term "All the pres-

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This is the same Ross Perot who betrayed the hard work and sacrifice of thousands of avid supporters. If he was so willing to denigrate their efforts and leave them high and dry, then imagine how little the hard work and sacrifice of the average American means to him.

He has the credibility of Lena Guerrero, the lucidity of the Texas Constitution and the believability of Oliver North. The American people should withdraw support from this capricious individual and question his motives and his solutions.

In short, if Perot will let democracy decide whether he runs for president, then the people should send him a resounding "No."

ferentiate his views from the liberal "lap dog"

Mr. Jeter argues that an election of Clinton

poses disastrous consequences for the prosper-

ity of the United States. I wholeheartedly agree

with Mr. Jeter's position and would like to

Clinton claims to be a moderate. However,

the facts illustrate he is just another socialist

liberal democrat. Case in point: the

Democratic National Convention, comprised

of left-wing extremists, shaped Clinton's plat-

form after his repeated pandering. Or how

about Clinton's reference to the liberal Mario

Cuomo, governor of New York, as a hero. In

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Clinton's eyes, Mario Cuomo depicts a would-

Bill Clinton's proposed programs need

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neglects to reveal the sources. Small business

amounts to the great provider. The liberals fail

to realize small business provides most of

America's jobs, and these institutions already

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Maybe Bill Clinton should read financial

Ease of acquiring guns costs lives, accentuates fear

Shooting evokes call for tougher laws

Can you imagine what it feels like to be totally defenseless, as some unknown gunman randomly shoots in a crowd — just because he had nothing better to do. I can, not

because I have a creative imagination, but because I have lived through a similar situ-

I am not about to attempt to convey to you how it feels to be in such a situation, simply because I can't. And even if I could, I wouldn't want anyone to have to live through such a painful experience. Instead of your having to experience such a situation in order to become aware of the massive gun control problem in the United States, I will more realistically tell you my story and hope that it will give you some insight to the problem.

Glenn Tinder profoundly stated that "anyone who presumes to say what is good nd what is evil is indulging in a mere per

sonal opinion, something that can't be proved and thus should not be forced on others." Consequently, because I think guns are bad they should all be destroyed . . . NOT!

CHRIS

CARROLL

Getting back to reality, I am not trying to force on you my theory as to why we need tougher gun control laws. Instead, I am attempting to convey to you another side of the whole gun control issue that has nothing to do with the Brady Bill, hunter's rights or the constitutional right to bear arms. This side of the gun control issue has to do with something far more important than all the above mentioned issues: HUMAN LIFE.

The incident I described earlier about a random gunman shooting in a crowd may sound rare to the majority of the students at TCU, but it is far from being rare and is bordering on becoming fairly common, because of the ease in which individuals can obtain guns. The gunman in the incident I described was only 17 years old. He was not old enough to buy a gun, but he was old enough to shoot one, take three lives and hurt seven people. The weapon of choice for this particular gunman was a semiautomatic tech-22 that was and still is capable of holding up to 32 rounds in one clip.

I don't know how he came across such a powerful weapon, but I am willing to bet my freedom that he didn't come across it legally.

The actual reason why the gunman started shooting in the first place may never be known, but one thing that is certain was that he was far more aggressive because he had a gun than he would have been if he did not. I don't own a gun, and probably never will.

However, the horrid fact of the matter is I could get one tomorrow. It should not be that easy for me or anyone else to get such a potentially dangerous weapon.

The gun control policy that is currently being pushed wants to install a waiting period before a person can purchase a gun. I favor this policy, but as I and a lot of other people know, there is no wait whatsoever to buy a gun from the same person the 17-year-old did. My most frightening memory of the whole shooting incident was

that, while I was running for my life, and in the process losing a shoe and my glasses, other individuals were pulling out their guns and taking aim. And, if they had started firing also, I could be DEAD. I know guns protect people. I know guns are used to hunt for

recreation. I know that it is not the gun itself that is bad, but the person that pulls the trigger unjustifiably. I also know that I have lost two friends to gunshot wounds, and frankly that's all I want to remember. I hope no one else has to lose

love ones to see the need for strong gun control. We need gun control that has the power to stop the selling of guns illegally, while at the same time seeing to it that a person's back-

ground is checked before they can purchase a gun legally. Chris Carroll is a junior pre-med major from Dallas who was an

orientation student assistant this summer.

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News

Students receive aid through peer counseling and workshops

By SHU XIE TCU Daily Skiff

The Counseling Center's Peer Counselor program offers a number of different workshops as well as individual counseling for students.

The program, which was started five years ago by Lisa Rollins-Garcia of the psychology department, acts as a hands-on preparatory program for future psychologists.

This year, senior psychology majors Rob Avery and Ann Marie Warren are acting as peer counselors under the guidance of Rollins-Garcia. Avery and Warren both said being peer counselors has been one of the greatest experiences they have

"This is a great program to be involved in," Avery said. "Especially since both Ann Marie and I are both planning to go to graduate school. This program is similar to the first year of graduate school. There is not, I don't think, a program like it in the whole country.'

The main objective of the Peer Counselor program is to help univer-

sity students, Rollins-Garcia said. To do so, the program holds 15 to 18 workshops a year ranging from roommate relationships to test anxiety, she said. Besides wide-ranging topics, the workshop sizes also vary,

159 students participating per workshop," Warren said. "Our most popular topics are dating, relationships and eating disorders."

The workshops are solely run by the two peer counselors, Rollins-Garcia said. These workshops are designed to fit the needs of the students, she said. Many of the workshop referrals are from resident assistants and different campus organizations, she said.

The peer counselors also see students on a one-on-one or two-on-one format, depending on the situation,

To help them prepare for the ten hour a week job of peer counseling, the two students said they went through a rigorous application process. They also trained for two hours every week with Rollins-Garcia,

"On Mondays, we discuss ideas, and go over the week's schedule," Warren said. "Dr. (Rollins-)Garcia gives us a lecture on a particular sub-

"Wednesdays are mainly devoted "We have had anywhere from 8 to to role-playing," Avery said. "We do a lot of patient and counselor scenes and it is very helpful.'

> "Last year, we had a student come in here for study skills," Warren said. "She had two or three sessions with us. Next semester, she came and told us that she went from making C's to

> Rollins-Garcia said the Peer Counselor program is in its fifth year. The program was founded on the basis that students are more informed about current problems of their peers,

The program also serves as an outreach and preventative program, Rollins-Garcia said. As part of the prevention, the center welcomes any suggestions and is willing to help anyone that needs counseling. Contact the TCU Peer Counselor program at 921-7863.

Club/ from page 1

Shelley Browder, a senior advertising/public relations major.

The group just returned from a weekend retreat to Camp Kanakuk in Missouri where they met with other ICTHUS chapters.

"It's like a Christian sports camp," Smith said. Smith and Blocker said they hope to have another retreat in

Tuesday's meeting, the fourth of the semester, began with group singing and games. This is an attempt to get everybody involved, Guerrero

Students then put on a skit called "Subliminal Thoughts," a sketch about two people's thoughts about one another on a date.

The guest speaker for the evening was James Smith, Clark Hall director, who received his bachelor's degree in religion from Samford University in Alabama. Smith is cur-

rently working on his master's degree in theology at Southwest Seminary in Fort Worth, he said.

Smith's topic was "The tension between the urgent and the important." He stressed the American people's obsession with accomplishing things in a hurry and finding themselves.

Smith urged students to seek to know God intimately, discover priorities and never answer things in urgency, he said.

The guest speaker for next week's meeting is Beau Townes, pastor at Denton Bible Church and a former counselor at Camp Kanakuk.

The faculty/student adviser for ICTHUS is Tommy Thomason, assistant professor of journalism.

ICTHUS meets at 9 p.m. Tuesdays in the Student Center, either the Woodson Room or the Richardson Room

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young man was driving home and he hit a bridge."

Greek hazing has become a considerable problem and will continue to be, Proffer said. Hazing also happens in the athletic program and other programs.

By RICK WA

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"(T)he freshmen football players did not shave their heads because

they wanted to," she said. "Hazing here is like Johnson grass (a tall, weedy grass that grows back quickly)," Proffer said. "You just can't get rid of it."

Since the early 1980s, Texas laws have made hazing illegal, she said.

Proffer said she enjoys discovering what her former students have done in their lives. At the game against Western Michigan, Proffer said a woman from Western Michigan approached her. She had been a TCU student and was now the university vice president.

Day of Action petitions for Colombia's freedom

By ROBYN FINK TCU Daily Skiff

Amnesty International will host a Day of Action from 5 to 7 p.m. Oct. 12 at the Student Center porch. The day will focus on having students write letters and sign petitions and banners on behalf of the Arguaco people of Santa Maria, Colombia. These petitions and banners will be gathered nationwide and sent to the Colombian Embassy.

The Arguacos, indigenous people who live in the mountains of Santa Maria, are unwillingly getting caught up in the midst of guerilla warfare, said Marie Camacho, coordinator of Amnesty International. Every day they face death at the hands of the military and the armed opposition groups, she said.

"If we write letters worldwide, and send them to the government of Colombia, we are letting them know that we know what they are doing, and it is wrong," said Camacho, a senior psychology and philosophy double major. "The pressure from around the world will hopefully convince the Colombian government that they are wrong."

ing an 11-month campaign focusing on the human rights violations of the indigenous people of the Western Hemisphere, Camacho said.

Amnesty International is an independent worldwide movement whose goals include working towards the release of prisoners of conscience, fair and prompt trials for political prisoners and abolition of the death penalty in all cases, Camacho said. They do this through a network of people writing letters to governments protesting their violations of the United Nations human

Focusing only on human rights, Amnesty International does not take positions on political, military or territorial questions, according to a press release. It will adopt anyone imprisoned solely for the nonviolent expression of his or her beliefs as prisoners of conscience, according to

The Urgent Action network, an investigative group of 50,000 volunteers, provides Amnesty International with information on people whose rights are being violated around the world, said Staci are now closed, the release said.

Amnesty International is conduct- Micheletto, Urgent Action Coordi-

"After organizing the information, they send appeals to the headquarters located around the world," said Micheletto, a sophomore biology major. "In the United States, the headquarters is in Colorado. The whole process of the information coming to me at TCU takes about two weeks."

"At TCU, Amnesty International concentrates on increasing the awareness of the human rights issue around the world to the student body," Camacho said. "During our meetings we write letters and sign petitions to be presented to governments that have unjust treatment of

Amnesty International was started in 1961 by British lawyer Peter Benenson, according to a press release. Today it has more than 1.1 million members in over 150 countries and territories, according to the release. Since 1961, Amnesty International has adopted over 42,000 cases, and more than 38,000 of them



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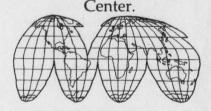
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Sports

Le Gros aims for SWC title

By RICK WATERS TCU Daily Skiff

TCU cross-country runner Glenn Le Gros found that adjusting to life in the United States wasn't too difficult, once he started running in the right direction.

The senior from Auckland, New Zealand discovered very quickly which side of the road to run on after he was nearly flattened by an oncoming car as a freshman. Since then, he has been in the "right" lane all the

"It really wasn't that hard at all (his transition to the United States)," Le Gros said. "I've been surrounded by good people ever since I arrived. Coach McKenzie and the track guys have made it easy for me."

TCU head cross-country coach John McKenzie has been impressed

"Everyday is a lot of fun to work with Glenn," McKenzie said. "He challenges me to be the best coach I can be. His leadership for the team is through example rather than by words. It starts with his school work and carries over into his workouts and performances. He is totally dedicated."

As TCU's top cross-country runner and two-time qualifier for the NCAA Championships, Le Gros might be feeling a tremendous amount of pressure, right?

Well, not necessarily.

"People deal with pressure in different ways," Le Gros said. "Some get all tense and nervous. I don't feel that way. I don't think there is really region to advance to nationals, but any pressure on me, so I just do the best I can."

This quiet confidence easily explains Le Gros' success. Last sea- you'll see Le Gros making strides to son, he became the first Horned Frog put the Frogs on top.

ever to win the individual crosscountry championship. Two weeks later at the NCAA District Championships at North Texas, Le Gros qualified for the NCAA Championships for the second straight year.

"The first year I made it to nationals, I was very excited," Le Gros said. "When you do anything for the first time, you are very proud and honored. The second time at nationals wasn't as exciting, but I think ran a lot better.'

Le Gros will have to run fast and wait for November to experience a third time, but he'd rather have his running mates with him this season.

"Even though cross-country is an individual sport, it is important to me that the team is also a success," Le Gros said. "My best experience at TCU is being a part of a team. I did more individual training in New Zealand and now it is fun to work with the other guys."

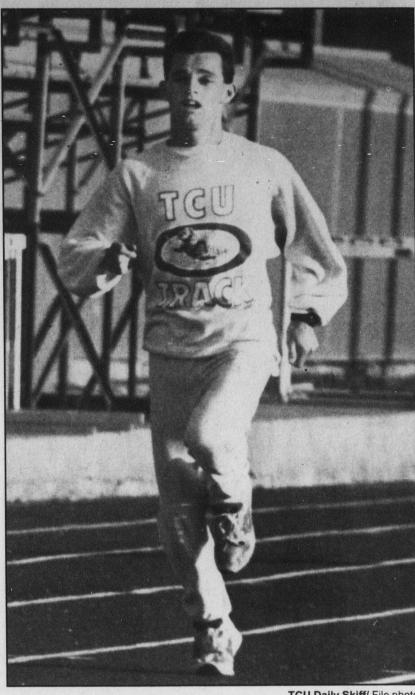
But before TCU can start thinking nationals, they have to contend for the SWC title.

Le Gros sees the Horned Frogs as one of four teams that could make a serious run at the title.

"I think the Southwest Conference meet will be very competitive, one of the most competitive in several years," Le Gros said. "I think it will all come down to the team who runs the most consistently as a team on that day. We've got four years experience and we're looking forward to

Le Gros knows the Frogs must finish as one of the top two teams in the every race is as important to him as a conference or national meet.

But regardless of the weather,



TCU Daily Skiff/ File photo

TCU senior Glenn Le Gros will attempt to lead the Frogs cross-country team to an SWC championship and a berth in the NCAA Championships.

"When I run, I try not to focus on the things I cannot control, like hot days or rain," Le Gros said. "Instead, try and focus on the things I can control, like running relaxed."

Le Gros, a marketing major, plans to graduate this May. But his future is still hazy.

"Right now, I am planning to return to New Zealand after graduation," Le Gros said. "I have a job offer I'll probably accept. But I'll

also continue to concentrate on my

track career also. The Common-

wealth Games are coming up in 1994

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in Canada and I want to be there."

Frogs finish fourth at SMU Invitational

By ALAN DROLL TCU Daily Skiff

Even after TCU's cross-country men have tested their goals against reality, the verdict remains the same.

This senior-dominated team has a legitimate shot at being the first team in school history to win a Southwest Conference title.

The Horned Frogs followed the football team to Dallas last Saturday for the 14-team SMU Invitational. Luckily, the runners had better luck than their football counterparts.

TCU's fourth-place finish (second among Division I schools) pleased TCU head cross-country coach John McKenzie and reaffirmed that the Frogs are for real. Perennial power North Texas finished two points behind the Frogs, and conference foes SMU and Texas Tech were left in the dust.

Glenn LeGros finished seventh in the 107-runner field to pace the Frogs. Le Gros was followed across the finish line by fellow seniors Rodney Wellman (13th), Keith Pickett (30th) and Andrew Beckman (32nd). John Nichols (36th) rounded out TCU's scoring quintet.

Lubbock Christian, the defending NAIA national champions, breezed to the team title, placing four runners in the top seven places.

"Lubbock Christian is probably the second-best cross-country team in the nation behind Arkansas," McKenzie said. "Most of those guys are from Kenya and would be too old to be in a Division I school. They have a lot of experience and it is a big challenge anytime you run against

Lubbock Christian was followed by UTEP, the first Division I representative across the line, and South Plains Community College.

"I think we're in a really good position right now," McKenzie said.

'We made some good progress from the Oklahoma meet (September 11th) to the SMU meet. Ron Dennis is the only one that I thought didn't have a particularly good meet, and he'd had an ingrown toenail operation on Friday.

The Frogs appear to be one of the teams in the drivers seat in the Southwest Conference race. The Frogs lost to Baylor by a mere two points at Oklahoma three weeks ago. While TCU took the next week off, the Bears blazed to a victory at their own Baylor Invitational. In the process, Baylor trounced preseason conference favorites Texas, Texas A&M and Houston by over 30 points each.

"I feel that the team to beat right now would have to be Baylor," McKenzie said. "But they only beat us by two points at Oklahoma and we are getting better every day. The conference is really balanced this year, so everyone has a shot."

The District Coaches' Poll has taken notice of the Frogs' rise. TCU started the season ranked tenth in the district but jumped up to fourth this week. The top two teams at the Nov. 14 NCAA District Championships at North Texas, advance to the NCAA Championships in Bloomington,

But first things first. This team's eyes are set on winning the conference meet on Nov. 1 at Rice.

"I guess the greatest satisfaction will come from winning the conference," senior Andrew Beckman said. "You have your own personal goals, but I think that's the team's goal, and that will definitely bring a lot of sat-

The Frogs will be back in action on Friday, when they travel to Denton for the North Texas Invitational at 5 p.m. The meet will give the Frogs a chance to get their feet wet on the course, before it gets down to crunch time come November.

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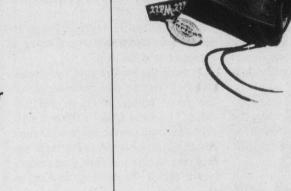
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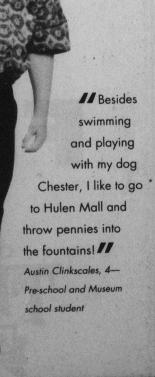


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