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A member of Sna Jtz'ibajom (The Writer's House) sells Chiapan arts and crafts before speaking at a forum Monday. The forum told the Native Americans' version of the arrival of Christopher Columbus.

## Campus Police lauded for awareness program

By JOE LATTANZI  
TCU Daily Skiff

A Fort Worth elementary school honored two Campus Police officers Thursday for their efforts to promote personal safety and 911 awareness for the school's students.

"I loved it," said Sgt. Connie Villela, campus crime prevention officer, one of the officers. "The children were so attentive. They really loved the fact that TCU was there helping them as well as the fact we were police officers."

As part of a week long safety program, Villela and Campus Police Officer Ervey Garcia joined officers from other police agencies at the DeZavala Elementary School in south Fort Worth. According to School Counselor Eva Salas, Eunice Lopez, principal of DeZavala Elementary School, awarded Villela, Garcia and other police officers The Principal's Award for helping to promote personal safety at the school.

"Mrs. Lopez was overjoyed that TCU was able to provide assistance," Salas said. "She really appreciated TCU's help in an extremely valuable program for the children."

Members of the university Big Brothers and Big Sisters mentor program, who work with the elementary school, learned the school's staff needed assistance in putting on an adequate safety program, Villela said.

Fort Worth police crime prevention officers were initially scheduled to present the 911 and safety program, but budget constraints pre-



vented their participation, she added. At the suggestion of the Big Sister members, Salas contacted the Campus Police and asked for assistance, Villela said.

"Both officers were fantastic," Salas said. "They were very giving, compassionate and left the kids with a lot of good feelings about the police and TCU. The kids were very excited and I could see they loved the officers. The school and I were so glad to have them."

With the support of Oscar Stewart, chief of Campus Police, Villela put together a 911 packet designed for 7- to 10-year-old students and a personal safety education program.

When he heard about the planned school program, Garcia said he vol-

unteered to give up his day off and help Villela.

"I know a lot about the school," he said. "My son attended first grade there over 20 years ago. Helping the school really hit home because my son went there. I really enjoyed it. Anytime we can help out again, I'll do it."

Agents from the U. S. Treasury Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms and officers from the Fort Worth Police Department's Gang Intelligence, Mounted and Bicycle Units also participated in the school program, Salas said.

Villela said she and Garcia set up an information booth at the school and spent nearly the entire day educating the school's students on personal safety and how to use the 911 emergency system.

Salas said Villela and Garcia talked to about 550 students, ranging in age four to 12 and from pre-kindergarten to the 5th grade, during the course of the day.

"Just about the entire school, including the teachers, attended the program," she said. "The teachers spoke very highly of the officers and the friendship and camaraderie between the two of them. They were perfect for our program."

Each student received a Tarrant County 911 emergency packet designed for young students, Villela said. The packet included a pamphlet and coloring book titled *Have FUN Learning About 911*, 911 telephone stickers and telephone stickers

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## Health Center hires assistant to increase patient care

By TARA MALONEY  
TCU Daily Skiff

The Health Center has added Physician Assistant Wendell Geiger to its staff this year.

"I think the health center realized a PA could take on the routine responsibilities of a physician," Geiger said.

After Dr. Mary Frances Terrell left the university for other employment at the end of last year, the health center's staffing situation was revised. Donna Behl, a nurse practitioner, and Geiger were added to the staff.

"Because one physician was replaced by a nurse practitioner and a PA, there is definitely more appointment availability at the health center now," Geiger said.

The PA profession began in 1965

and today there are approximately 22,000 PAs in practice in the country. One thousand PAs work in Texas, according to the Texas Academy of Physician Assistants.

"With the health care industry the way it is, there are more and more PAs and nurse practitioners," Geiger said. "The job opportunities for PAs have skyrocketed. Having a PA is very cost effective."

Hiring one or two physician supervisors and several PAs is cheaper than hiring more physicians, he said.

The duties of a PA are the same as those of a physician in that PAs give routine physical exams and perform minor surgeries, Geiger said.

"I see patients just like a physician would, but if the case is more complex the physician takes over," he said. "PAs basically give routine

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WENDELL GEIGER,  
Physician Assistant

health care for minor medical illnesses."

The PA is responsible for patient education, such as health awareness programs, anti-smoking programs and AIDS awareness programs, he said.

PAs do not work independently of physicians, and do not individually set up a doctor's office, Geiger said.

"I like the role of the PA because I prefer being under a doctor," he said. "I administer patient care without

going to school for eight years."

Geiger was working on a degree in medical technology when he heard of the new PA program, he said. He said he was accepted into the program in 1975.

"The PA program is two years long," Geiger said. "I completed phase one in Wichita Falls, Texas and phase two in Montgomery, Alabama."

After passing his national certification exam, Geiger worked at Air

Force bases across the country, including Arizona, Washington D.C., New Hampshire and Germany, he said.

Geiger later went on to get his master's in Health Administration at Goldengate University in San Francisco, he said.

"I definitely like having patient contact better than health administration," he said.

Geiger said he came to Fort Worth to work at Carswell Air Force Base. He heard the university was looking for a PA and decided to apply, he said.

"I like the hours a lot," he said. "I was tired of moving around so much. I like everything about TCU. It has a nice atmosphere, friendly people and the kids are really sharp."

Geiger lives in Benbrook with his

wife Margaret. His son Mark attends the University of North Texas and his daughter Karin lives in Austin.

"Years ago, the 'quack shack' idea was prevalent but today most physicians that provide health care to campuses are no longer old, retired physicians that aren't up on the skills," he said.

"The physicians at the health center really do care about the kids," he said. "They aren't just in it for the hours."

Both Behl and Geiger plan on presenting health awareness seminars to several small groups on campus, Geiger said.

"Right now we are just getting a feel on what's out there and what needs should be fulfilled in the future," he said.

## Gore, Quayle argue during debate while Stockdale attacks gridlock

By ROBERT NAYLOR JR.  
TCU Daily Skiff

ATLANTA — With pointing fingers and insistent interruptions, Al Gore and Dan Quayle clashed over leadership, abortion and the economy Tuesday night in a vice presidential debate denounced by James Stockdale as "why this nation is in gridlock."

"I feel like an observer at a ping pong game," Ross Perot's running mate said after listening to perhaps the tenth or twentieth time that Gore and Quayle interrupted one another.

It was a messy affair that ended on a sharp, negative note, with Republican Quayle looking into the prime-time camera and referring darkly to the Democratic front-runner. "The American people should demand that their president tell the truth. Do you really believe Bill Clinton will tell the truth, and do you do you trust Bill Clinton to be your president?"

The lines were drawn from the outset on the main issue of the campaign.

President Bush and Quayle were like "deer caught in the headlights" when the recession struck, Gore charged — "Blinded to the suffering

and pain of bankruptcies and people who are unemployed." He pledged that he and Democratic presidential candidate Clinton "stand for change."

Quayle retorted that Clinton and Gore "will make matters much much worse. He will raise your taxes, he will increase spending, he will make government bigger. Jobs will be lost."

The 90-minute debate also touched on environmental, defense and trade policy.

The political imperative was clear for each of the three running mates: to boost the fortunes of the man at the top of the ticket in a race that has exactly three weeks left to run and shows Clinton with a double-digit lead in the polls.

Quayle attacked the Democratic standardbearer vigorously, persistently. He accused Gore several times of "pulling another Clinton," which he quickly defined as saying one thing in one place and another thing someplace else. Several times he said, "Bill Clinton has trouble telling the truth," referring to the Vietnam draft controversy and policy positions on school choice and the North American Free Trade

Agreement.

At one point, Gore responded with a litany of Bush flip flops, starting with "Read my lips, no new taxes."

Stockdale erupted at one point after Quayle and Gore argued, saying, "I think America is seeing right now the reason this nation is in gridlock," adding that Perot was the man to fix the system.

The heated debate sparked occasional applause from an audience made up of partisans of the three men — and few hisses, as well. That prompted moderator Hal Bruno of ABC News to say, "There's no call for that . . . so knock that off."

The format — no panel, just Bruno — made it a lively affair. The debate ended with brief closing statements in which each man recapitulated his underlying theme for the evening.

Stockdale said the United States is "in deep trouble," and Perot alone can "bring out the firehoses" needed to restore the nation.

"We've got to change directions," Gore said. "Bill Clinton offers a new approach . . . We are bigger than George Bush has told us we are as a nation."

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### METROPLEX

Today's weather will be partly cloudy with a high of 89 degrees. Thursday's weather will also be partly cloudy with a high of 91 degrees.



## Ropes course coming to Worth Hills thanks to government grant

By JULIE LEMONS  
TCU Daily Skiff

Over \$125,000 has been awarded to the Alcohol and Drug Education program by the U.S. Department of Education.

This is the second grant of 1992 for the program and is part of the Department of Education's fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education.

"The desired change is for a positive, drug-free educational climate which reinforces health, responsible choices and respect for community laws and university standards," said Barbara Herman, coordinator of the Alcohol and Drug Education program.

The grant will fund several new programs supported by the Alcohol and Drug Education program, as well as continuing programs already instituted, Herman said.

New programs include the construction of a Ropes, or Challenge course this semester and the New Frog Network program for freshmen, she said.

The Ropes course is an outdoor facility designed to build group bonding and individual growth through the mastering of obstacles, decision making and risk taking, Herman said. The course will be available to all students, student groups, faculty and staff, she said.

The grant will allow \$16,000 over the next two years for construction and maintenance. The House of Representatives' Permanent Improvements also allotted \$6,000 for the course. The facility will be built in the Worth Hills area.

With the Ropes course is another new program, the New Frog Network.

"Because the needs of first-year students are so significant, and because addressing these needs can be the key to carrying out institutional change, many of the proposed grant activities are targeted at freshmen," said Steve Cummins, a member of Herman's staff and coordinator of the new grant project.

The New Frog Network is

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CAMPUSlines

TCU Ad Club will hold its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 20 in Moudy Room 271S.

Cercle Francais will show the film "Deva" on Oct. 22. It will be playing from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Student Center Room 203.

Parabola, the university's math club, will hold a presentation Wednesday by Efton Park, assistant professor of Mathematics on "The Mathematics of Apportionment."

TERRA, the university's environmental awareness organization, holds meetings every Wednesday at 5 p.m. in Sid Richardson Room 244.

TCU Water Polo Club is forming. Anyone interested in participating should contact Bryan Fagin at the Recreational Sports Office at 921-7945.

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.

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... to visit residents of a Fort Worth nursing home on a one-on-one basis.

... as water exercise instructor to lead classes for people with Multiple Sclerosis. Instructor must be familiar with exercise classes, either as an instructor or participant.

... to go to a local nursing home and lead residents in singing songs. Volunteer can set own schedule.

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designed to help freshmen in their transition into college life, Cummins said.

Over 300 letters were sent randomly to freshmen which invited them to become involved in the New Frog Network, Cummins said.

These freshmen attend meetings designed to improve communication skills, team building and time management, Cummins said. They address the social needs of freshmen and are educated on alcohol and drug related issues, he said.

In addition to the Ropes course and the New Frog Network, the Alcohol and Drug Education program will complete two surveys that will be a part of a national comparison.

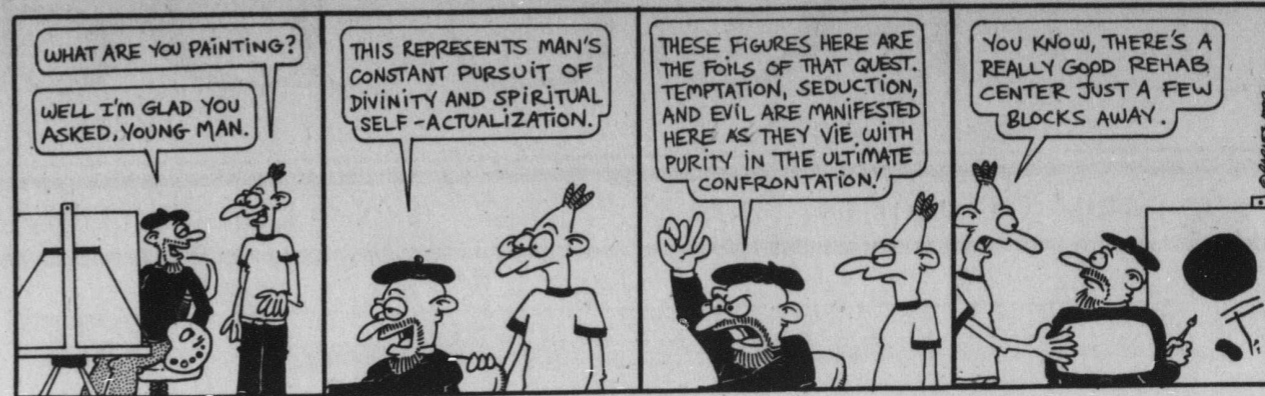
The first survey is a Core survey and is completed by all schools that receive institution-wide grants. It is designed to gather demographic and statistical information on alcohol and drug abuse.

The second survey is an environmental assessment that is completed by only 10 schools in the nation. It is more in-depth and covers student's thinking patterns and the role of social influence in drug and alcohol abuse.

Results of both assessments will be available by next fall. The results will compare university students' alcohol and drug habits with the habits of other students across the nation.

Insanity Fair

by Joe Barnes



by Andy Grieser

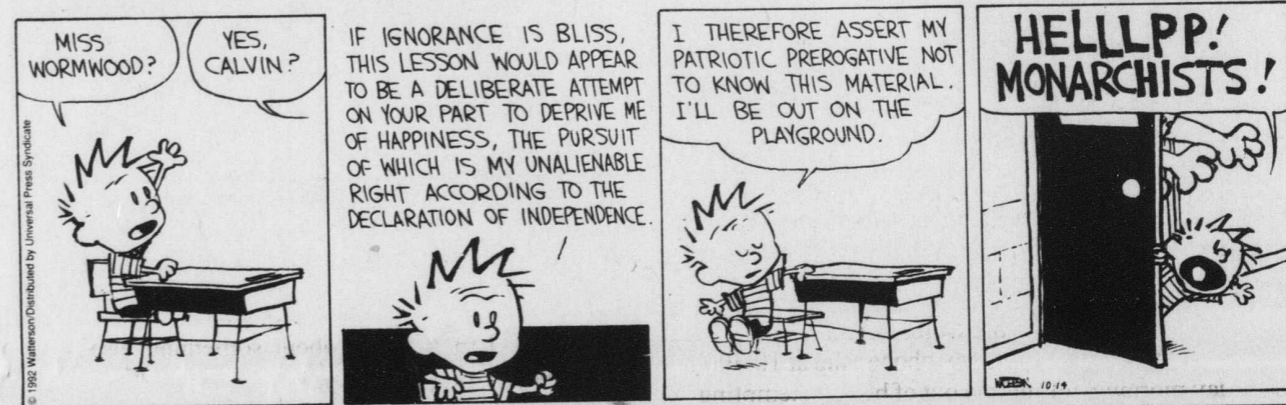


by Stev Klinetobe



Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



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Quayle stressed Bush's experience in times of crisis and then attacked Clinton's credibility and character.

With that, the three men walked out from behind their podiums, and shook hands.

The unknown figure was Stockdale, tapped to be Perot's running mate but with no political experience after decades in the Navy. He stressed his non-politician's status, and he stumbled over his words periodically in a demonstration of his inexperience at political combat and his lesser familiarity with some of the issues.

"Don't expect me to use the language of the Washington insider," he said. "The centerpiece of my life was the Vietnam War."

He went on to describe leading the first bombing run over North Vietnam, being shot down and held as prisoner of war for seven years.

On abortion, Stockdale said, "I believe a woman owns her body and what she does with it is her own business. Period." That was Gore's position, too, but not Quayle's.

When the subject turned to health care, Stockdale seemingly had little to say. "I'm out of ammunition on that one," he said after Gore and Quayle clashed.

The candidates argued briefly over the environment, the topic of a recent book by Gore.

"I read Sen. Gore's book," Stockdale said. "I don't see how he could possibly pay for his proposals in today's economic climate."

Gore defended his work, but

Quayle then followed with an attack on a specific section — citing page 304 and sparking a did-did not exchange over whether Quayle was describing a \$100 billion passage accurately.

"Mr. Vice President — Dan, if I may," Gore said. "If you don't try to compare George Bush to Harry Truman, I won't try to compare you to Jack Kennedy." It was a reference to 1988 vice presidential candidate Lloyd Bensten's debate salvo: "Senator, you're no Jack Kennedy."

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# Opinion

## High school friend's death brings Skiff closer to tragedies it covers

This time it was my turn. After half a semester of being editor and of printing countless stories about homicides, suicides and car accidents, I have come face to face with the most horrifying realization of my life.

My mother called me from home to tell me there had been an accident and a guy who had graduated with me had died. She didn't know his name yet.

Later that day, she called to tell me it was my friend Tom Dalling, a 1989 graduate of St. Joseph High School.

Suddenly the world came crashing down on me. What could possibly be worse than learning one of your friends from high school had died?

All of the obituaries of students I had edited and all the student death stories I



LISA YONCO

had helped reporters cover came into mind. God, I thought, if I were home I'd be writing a story about Tom's death.

I realized this was my future. Some time, at some moment in my life, I like many reporters, am going to have to write obituaries about people I know.

Now, after learning of the tragedy that took my friend's life, the names and sto-

ries have faces and personalities. Before last week, it wasn't difficult to separate myself from the stories and read them objectively. Now, all I can think of are the friends and family, who like me, read those stories.

In the past the Skiff had always been thanked by friends and family of the deceased for handling the situation as tactfully and compassionately as it had. That's something which means more to me now than ever. But now I wondered if my hometown newspaper was doing the same tactful and compassionate for Tom's family and friends as we would've done had he been a TCU student.

Tom was found by his parents lying dead near his truck on the side of the highway. According to the last reports I heard,

police had yet to find out how the incident happened.

I know what it is like to call grieving mothers or fathers and have them burst into tears during the interview. I've learned how to console them, how to help them regain their composure and remember the good things about the deceased. I wondered if the reporter writing about Tom's death had known how to handle it.

I can't deny that for the first time in my life I have doubts about the field I am going into. Nobody wants to be the one to have to write the obituaries, but it is part of the job. I will have to do it.

Being a journalist can be fun. After all, who has the best seats at all the concerts and games? The press of course. But the bad times are much worse than the good

times are good.

For us, the main thrust behind our printing death stories in the Skiff is to dispel the rumors and inform those who don't already know, but I have to wonder if every newspaper holds the same unwritten code of ethics.

As the time continues, I am sure Tom will not be the only one from my class to die. I know we may not have written the last obituary of the semester yet.

My father always advised me to take the time to stop and smell the roses — I seldom do. But looking back on the tragedy of my friend's death I can honestly say I'll try my best to appreciate all that I have.

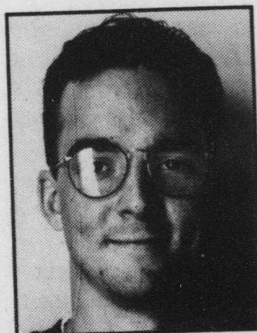
Lisa Yonco is a senior news-editorial journalism major from Huntington, Conn.

## Parents Weekend: the folks cometh and the hub caps, well, they goeth

Last Friday I gave you a list of things to do and things to avoid to help you and your parental units get a greater enjoyment out of parents weekend.

I feel obligated now to confess I didn't follow my own instructions close enough and to let you know just what can happen when the folks are in town and you haven't done enough preparation.

Mom and Dad weren't going to be in town until Saturday morning, so I kind of put off the much needed room cleaning.



CLAY GAILLARD

Instead, I spent Friday evening with some friends and their parents consuming mass quantities of alcohol and singing Jimmy Buffet songs until we couldn't understand the words anymore.

My phone rang at 10:30 Saturday morning, jolting me out of bed and tempting me to throw it out my window and into the Greek Pond. It was Mom. They were in Fort Worth, ready to see me.

"Uh, Mom, I just put some jeans in the wash, so it'll be about an hour and a half," I said as I dug through the medicine cabinet for those super pain pills, left over from my last visit to the Health Center.

She said that would be fine as long as I got there in time to take them to lunch.

I hung up, downed a couple of pills and proceeded with the fastest cleaning of a dump in the history of man. I swept up enough hair to make a Persian cat, and the mere sight of it, knowing it used to be on top of my head, made my head ache even worse. By noon, the room was in almost perfect order.

All I had to do was pray they didn't look in the closet. I met them at their hotel and drove them in their car to Angelo's to treat them to the best barbeque sandwich in Fort Worth. We enjoyed our meals, sipped on schooners of cold beer and talked about what was going on back home. And we were having a really great time.

Until we walked out of the restaurant.

"Is that our car?" Dad asked in a voice of small-town disbelief.

I told him that it sure looked like ours, but I could have sworn ours had hubcaps on it.

What he spouted off over the next few minutes is rather unprintable, and I didn't hear all of it anyway because I was foolishly making a quick search of the parking lot to see if I could get shot over four wire wheel covers. Thankfully, the thieves were nowhere to be found.

I told Dad he should feel special; sometimes thieves take days to welcome a visitor, and they had seen to him in just under three hours. He didn't find that funny.

In the evening, we ate dinner and went to the game with my fraternity brothers and their families. The trek up to our seats in Section V filled up my exercise quota for the rest of the month. Being that high up, we had a really nice view of the sunset, though. We saw the sun disappear right behind Abilene.

The game was entertaining, and the Frogs gave their all. Then, of course, the Pride of TCU (God help us) took the field, led by the drum major wearing that ridiculous tall fur hat and doing a running goosestepping like a Nazi on acid. He stopped at midfield, knelt and did that leaning back thing like he was checking for a hole in the ozone. The loudspeaker informed the crowd that the band was paying tribute to Duke Ellington, who I had previously assumed played defensive end for Chicago and retired after the '85 Superbowl. I guess I should research that one.

We all went down to a Cowtown bar after the game. Before we left, no less than six of my fraternity brothers asked me how to get to Palomino's, prompting my mother to wonder aloud why everyone assumed I was the one to ask about stockyard geography. I pretended not to hear and avoided the question.

Our parents raged with us until closing, and some were disappointed that they couldn't stay later.

My parents concluded their visit after Sunday breakfast with me and gave the usual lecture on how I should concentrate a little more on my education and maybe less on my search for the perfect margarita.

I suppose that was the only expected part of their whole visit.

Clay Gaillard is a junior from Texhoma, Okla.

### EDITORIAL APPEAL

## Calling all toons

Opinion page wants a few good ones

We at the Skiff have been visited in recent weeks by a number of would-be editorial cartoonists, and we've decided to accept submissions and occasionally print editorial cartoons on this page.

Cartoons must be 5 3/4 inches wide and no more than 4 1/2 inches tall. They must be editorial in nature and signed by the artist. Cartoonists must include their name, class, major and

telephone number with their submissions. All cartoons should be delivered to the Skiff newsroom, Moudy 291S.

The Skiff does not guarantee publication of submissions. Nor do we pay — sorry. The Skiff reserves the right to edit or reject any submissions. Only editorial cartoons that are the correct size will be considered for publication.

So, break out those pens and pencils and editorialize.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Apathy

Well, I'm incensed about something else this week.

I was having lunch the other day, carrying on normal small talk with a few acquaintances. I don't know how it came up, but out of the blue one of them said they'd be voting for Mel Gibson.

We're not talking the "Sexiest Man Alive" contest. We'll be talking about a write-in vote for president.

I mention this not to advocate Mr. Gibson, or even to refute my companion's assertion that all the candidates are jerks who don't deserve the post of dog catcher. Quite simply, the habit of not voting or writing in the name of Mel Gibson, Perry Como or Mickey Mouse when you do vote really raises my hackles. I could give the trite old adage that by not voting you're just throwing your vote in with the winner or that if you don't vote, you have no right to complain about where the country is going. These arguments date back to the origins of democracy and still haven't convinced anybody to vote.

In fact, I really don't think this letter will convince anyone to become involved and vote. If it does, that's great, but I won't be surprised if it doesn't.

To those out there who do ponder the bigger picture and who do intend to vote for their favorite, or least despised, candidate, well, Right on!, and you can skip ahead to the next letter.

To the others of you, how can you sit and read an opinion page where serious and not so serious issues are analyzed in an intelligent manner when you seem unable to draw a distinction between any of the three jerks running this year?

Shame on you! There are people who would die for this right you so easily flaunt or ignore. Come to think of it, there are people who have died for it.

P.D. Magnus  
freshman, pre-major

#### No cover

Correct me if I'm wrong, but it seems to me that the Skiff has something against the theater department. To be quite honest, you Skiff people have hurt my feelings. I have been a part of the theater productions here for almost three years, and the coverage/publicity you have given our shows has been slim to none. What has happened between us that we deserve such poor recognition?

We love TCU. We work hard. We eat Marriott food. We want people to come see TCU's theater productions. They won't come unless you help us. Please, help us.

How about a simple review? How about a color picture in the Parents Weekend 16-page issue?

If you didn't know, we did a show this past

week called "Discoverings," and as director Gustavo Gus-Artigas would have said, "It was beautiful."

You missed out. Surely you could squeeze us in between the numerous football stories and an article on the Killer Bees. Like the football team, we work for TCU as much as we do for ourselves. Relatively, we work just as hard working weekdays and weekends on our shows as the sports teams do for their games.

We'll sing the Alma Mater during intermissions if we have to. Just give us the attention we deserve.

How would you like it if people didn't read the Skiff. Or do they? I'm not asking for praise. We don't need praise. We know we're good. I just want more.

We're across the street in Ed Landreth Hall. Come see the next show. We'll save you a seat next to the aisle.

Tim McCanna  
junior, radio-TV-film

We, the theatre department, would like to express our concerns about the Skiff's lack of coverage of our department. This past weekend, we finished our run of "Discoverings," however many TCU students did not know about it.

We thank you for the two photos that were printed, but in your Parents Weekend issue there was no article or review to be found among the 16 pages. We are not asking for an article a week, only recognition of our performances.

Considering this year's "Global" theme we expected our contribution to receive more attention. We feel that many of our peers and their parents would have enjoyed our performance if only they had been better informed. You claim to be a campus newspaper, however there are many campus organizations, including ours, which get little or no acknowledgment.

We would like to thank those students who attended our performance and we hope to see many, better informed, Skiff readers at our future performances.

Craig Lee  
sophomore, theater

Editor's notes: 14 other students signed this letter.

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## 'Mem'ries sweet, comrades true' essence of TCU

It's the best 4 years of life when shared

There's a line in our Alma Mater, "Mem'ries sweet, comrades true," which best sums up the TCU experience. There is no better expression of what TCU is, nor is there a better hope of what it could be. At no time in our lives will we be immersed in a pool of friends as we are now.

If only we had enough time to enjoy it. When I went through freshman orientation three and a half years ago — a lad of 18, fresh out of high school and ready to conquer the world — I was told by the purple-clad OSAs that I was in for the best four years of my life, and they were right. They've also been the hardest four. At times, like when a buddy and I are up until sunrise struggling with a paper about political theory, they've been the longest four. In the end, they've been the shortest four, and now they're almost over.

I, like so many of us at TCU, eagerly anticipated graduation, that magical day when I would be fresh out of college and able to conquer the world, armed with a liberal arts education and a dream. Attitudes change when the great day nears, and lately I've spent more nights worrying about life beyond commencement than dreaming about it. I'm not alone.

Graduation comes in May, whether I'm ready to embark on the Great Adventure or not, and there's no stopping it. There's no stopping the approach of future days; the care not how you protest.

I turned 22 a week and a half ago — where's my cane? where's my cane? — and waking up that Sunday morning was almost as frightening as any morning one wakes up and realizes he's slept through his midterm. I was no longer the age I most wanted to be. I've wanted to be 21 for a long time, and I believed to the end that it was the perfect age for me to be. Not 22. But turning 22 compelled me to acknowledge my future was coming, and I wasn't prepared.

TCU might or might not have prepared me for the Great Adventure. The piece of paper I'll leave here with will not guarantee me safe passage or a good journey. But my collegiate experience has been no less complete, because I've discovered those memories sweet and the comrades true.

Friends for life I found here, and a few of them found me. The brother I never had growing up — I was an only child (still am) — I discovered this summer while being an OSA. These comrades true will find me again when our Great Adventures intersect, now and again, and I expect some to never leave my side. I had feared I would leave TCU as I had entered it: alone. That fear has been shattered, and my fears of the lonely future are fading fast. So is my time here.

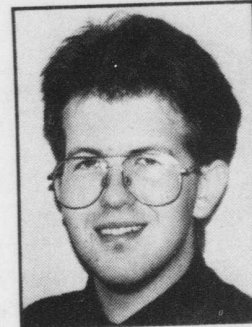
I have discovered we sometimes immerse ourselves too deeply in our work, studies or futures to enjoy the present. We're too eager or too required to look past this moment. We'll spend the rest of our lives after graduation chasing the real world. We'll never have these years again, and we won't have a store of these moments to spend later. So I pledge to myself and to those I care about that I will find the time to enjoy and share the TCU experience.

It's not what you do but how much you give of yourself to the people you do it with and how much they give in return that counts. That's what made being an OSA so richly rewarding for me. It wasn't being an OSA. It was sharing the summer with the OSAs.

My orientation buddies threw me a surprise birthday party, and it made me realize whatever age I am is a wonderful age to be, especially when it's shared with the best friends anyone could wish for.

I heard my OSA tell me these would be the best four years of my life, and I told the incoming freshmen the same thing this summer. They're not the best four years because we're in college. They're the best four years because we're in college together, and we need to take enough time to enjoy them, before the Great Adventure dawns.

Jeff Blaylock hopes to attend graduate school in Austin or Washington after he graduates with his classmates in 213 days.



JEFF BLAYLOCK

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# News



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Student worker Daryl Horton and staff member Daryl Dyer move computers to faculty offices.

## IBM computers sent to offices

By SHU XIE  
TCU Daily Skiff

On Monday, the 31 computers piled up in Sadler Hall Room 175 began disappearing one by one. The computers were being delivered to university faculty members who had never had personal computers in their offices.

The university acquired grant money from two companies in order to provide the computers.

David Edmondson, assistant vice chancellor for information services, said he began the search for computer money last spring. "We first acquired a list of faculty members that do not have computers from the Dean of Faculty," Edmondson said. "We then put in a request for the grant to the Tandy corporation. In September, Tandy approved \$33,500 for our use."

Edmondson said the second grant request went to IBM, but the money was generated from a fund-matching program.

"Through the fund-matching program, IBM gave us \$31,865," he said. "IBM matches five to one

donations made by their employees to TCU."

As a result of the successful grant requests, the university acquired around \$65,000 for its use in providing computers to the faculty, Edmondson said.

The university was able to purchase 31 IBM compatible computer packages, he said.

Each package includes a 386 SX, 25 mega hertz computer, a monitor and an Epson dot matrix printer, he said.

Computer software ranging from Word Perfect 3.0 to an anti-virus program were also provided, he said.

The computers were distributed to the TCU colleges in the following manner:

- two to the M.J. Neeley School of Business;
- three to the School of Education;
- seven to the College of Fine Arts and Communications;
- Seven to the Harris College of Nursing;
- 12 to the Adran College of Arts and Sciences.

## Lecture to focus on Hispanic awareness

By AMY K. BULMER  
TCU Daily Skiff

A Quincentennial lecture will examine the arrival of European culture to North America and emphasize Hispanic awareness on campus.

Jorge Lara-Braud will speak on "1492-1992: Can We Believe in God After This?" at 11 a.m. Thursday in Robert Carr Chapel.

The Community Life Committee of Brite chose Lara-Braud to speak because students were interested in learning more about Hispanic views and he is incredibly active in the Hispanic community, said Bryan Feille, Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program.

Student interest in Hispanic culture was noticed when the Rev. Daisy Machado taught History of Church and Hispanic Cultures over the summer, Feille said. And many students, mostly Anglo, wanted Brite to do more on Hispanic culture, he said.

Because of the interest, Brite is beginning a new program of Hispanic history, he said.

"We decided to develop a new program because there are 525,000 Hispanics in the Dallas/Fort Worth area," he said. "But there is not one Hispanic Disciples of Christ congregation; and they (Hispanics) are the fastest growing minority."

Machado is developing the program and is completing her Ph.D. at the University of Chicago, Feille said.

The program has not been implemented, but Lara-Braud's lecture will give students an introduction to Hispanic views by introducing a different look at the Quincentennial, Feille said.

"Jorge will show the Quincentennial from the underside of history," he said. "He'll look at it from the perspective of people who don't write history books."

Because of his involvement with the disadvantaged, Lara-Braud will take a critical look at the role of the church and what Columbus and the arrival of Europeans has meant for the indigenous people, Feille said.

"He'll show history from the perspective of the powerless, rather than from those who had power and wrote the history books," he said.

Lara-Braud, a lay Reformed theologian, completed residence requirements for the Ph.D. degree at Princeton Theological Seminary and was awarded the Doctor of Divinity degree by Austin College for contributions to inter-American understanding.

Born in Mexico, Lara-Braud is a

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## Counseling Center workshops teach students to manage stress

By KEVIN WHITE  
TCU Daily Skiff

Exams, deadlines, assignments, part-time jobs, bills, organizations, clubs. All these add up to one thing — stress.

Stress is something everyone is familiar with, especially around exam time, and being able to manage that stress is essential if a student wishes to remain happy, healthy and sane.

Fortunately for TCU students, help with stress management is not too far away. The TCU Counseling Center offers peer counseling workshops that deal with managing stress.

"I feel that (managing stress) is very important for college students," said Rob Avery, one of the Counseling Center's two peer counselors. "Because stress can have a lot of negative effects, both emotionally and physically, on a person's abilities."

The workshops, conducted upon request by peer counselors Avery and Ann Marie Warren, explore various strategies and ideas on how to cope with stress.

The counselors work with students to find which strategy would be the most effective for them.

"We had about 20 requests for workshops last year and were able to conduct around six or seven," said Warren, a second-year peer counselor.

"The workshop requests usually come flooding in around finals time," Avery said, "because that is when most students are really stressing out."

Some of the strategies used in coping with stress which may be discussed in the workshops include the following, assembled by Dr. Jack C. Scott, Director of the TCU Counseling Center:

- Maintain nutritional needs — a balanced diet and sufficient physical rest.
- Employ constructive time management procedures — plan ahead and organize activities.
- Exercise your body regularly — one of the most effective means of managing stress is physical exercise.
- Pursue active interests for recreation — include plenty of recreational activities in your schedule.
- Learn and use the relaxation response — respond to stress and tension with a relaxed approach.
- Be progressive in activities —

engage in non-stressful activities to counter stressful ones.

- Expand your awareness of the stress precipitating situation — think of alternate ways of looking at a stressful situation.
- Save and use some time alone — make time to be by yourself for reflection, single person activity or just doing nothing.
- Change your usual routine — variation of a normal daily routine can be refreshing and stimulating.
- Expand, explore and experience your environment — pay attention to the things around you and be aware of your thoughts and feelings as you experience it.
- Look within yourself — get in touch with your thoughts, feelings, sensations and actions.
- Assert yourself — learn to clearly express your own thoughts and feelings without violating the

rights and needs of others.

- See the movie in your head — use your imagination as a break from the routine of daily tasks.
- Make a fearless inventory — list the busy work you do which is not essential to your schedule and get rid of it.
- Develop a social support sys-

tem — make friends.

- Address your strengths — attend to the positive inner resources in your life.
- Select and participate in a volunteer program — involve yourself in service for others.
- Remember that growth involves risk — change is inevitable, but

growth does not come automatically, without effort and risk.

- Use time for other directed involvement and assistance — get in touch with other people and their life processes.
- Develop a sound philosophy — we are what we believe ourselves to be.

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**Tuls**

By HOLLY LOH  
TCU Daily Skiff

TCU and the Golden Hurricane spent Sunday afternoon at the TCU soccer field and took a minute combat separate soccer game. TCU scored a goal in the first half.

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# Sports

## Tulsa boots TCU

By HOLLY LOHREN  
TCU Daily Skiff

TCU and the University of Tulsa spent Sunday afternoon doing battle at the TCU soccer field. But the 90-minute combat was more like two separate soccer games as Tulsa prevailed 3-1.

The clear skies turned cloudy as the Golden Hurricanes stormed onto the field and took immediate control of the first half of the game.

Tulsa took 10 shots on goal in the game but capitalized on three of the attempts. Tulsa's three goals were all scored in the final twenty minutes of the first half.

"Tulsa is our rival," freshman Tammie Whites said. "We went out there so pumped that we couldn't do anything. We needed to work on our transitions, getting from defense to offense."

TCU had played nine games in the 14 days prior to their battle with Tulsa, and it showed in the first half. The Lady Frogs still pulled together and came back in the second half like a different team.

"It took us a half to wake up," TCU head soccer coach David Rubinson said. "We'd get the ball (during the first half) and not know what to do with it. Every player was very lethargic. At half-time they decided they'd play, and they did what was necessary to get to goal."

Of TCU's three shots on goal, their only success came in the opening minutes of the second half when Lisa Wells scored off an assist from Susie Honolka.

"I can't emphasize enough how much better we played during the second half," Rubinson said.

About 54 minutes into the game TCU's defense started a pass pattern that would end in a goal. Junior Shannon Gill was in the sweeper position and set the passing game in motion. TCU worked the ball up to Honolka.

Wells was running down field, parallel to Honolka, when Honolka made a right footed-cross that caught the Tulsa goalie off guard and connected with Wells.

Wells put the ball into the bottom of the right corner of the goal, and at 55:08, TCU was finally on the scoreboard.

"We came back for the sake of our pride," freshman Erin Trujillo said. "We wanted to go back out there and not only show everyone else, but prove to ourselves, that we could do better than that (the first half)."

Tulsa is ranked in the top 10 in the region, and the Lady Frog's goal is to finish in the top 10. TCU is close. The Lady Frogs proved Sunday that they have what it takes to play with a team the caliber of Tulsa.

"The key to our team is to dominate the mid field," Rubinson said. "The team that dominates the mid-field wins the game. You have to win the battle in the trenches. We moved the ball better in the second half against Tulsa. We are getting sharper in our passing and receiving of the ball."

The Lady Frogs will be back in action Oct. 20, when they host Notre Dame at 3 p.m.



TCU Daily Skiff/ Aimee Herring  
TCU freshman Tammie Whites looks for someone to pass to during the Lady Frogs' game against SMU. On Sunday, Tulsa defeated TCU 3-1 at the TCU soccer field.

## Frogs dominate again

By BEN WALTERS  
TCU Daily Skiff

TCU's men's tennis team continued to prove that it belongs among the nation's elite, as senior Ricardo Rubio defeated teammate Laurent Becouarn to win the singles championship at the Lee Michaels/Rolex Tennis Classic in Lafayette, La. last weekend.

"We did about as good as we could have hoped for," assistant TCU tennis coach Karl Richter said. "Anytime you have three of the four semifinalists, you have to feel good."

It was the second singles title for the Frogs in three tournaments. Earlier in the season, freshman David Roditi won the Texas A&M Invitational in College Station.

Richter said it was fun to have two Horned Frogs in the final.

"It's a no lose situation," Richter said. "I didn't have to do any coaching. I just sat back and enjoyed the match."

In addition to the all-TCU final, junior Devin Bowen and freshman Paul Roberson had strong performances. Bowen advanced to the quarterfinals before losing to top-seeded Peter Kuhn of South Alabama. Roberson was defeated in the semifinals by teammate and

eventual champion Ricardo Rubio.

"Bowen and Roberson weren't seeded, but they played great tennis," Richter said.

Rubio defeated Roberson in the semifinal 4-6, 6-3, 6-1 and Becouarn 6-1, 6-0 in the championship match. Rubio had a bye in the first round and beat Willie Dann of Rice 6-1, 2-6, 6-3 in the second round. In the third round, Rubio beat Bounce Williams of Arkansas 6-2, 2-6, 6-1. He defeated Greg Wood of Southwest Louisiana 6-2, 6-1 to advance to the semifinal match against Roberson.

Robinson opened the tournament with a 6-3, 6-3 win over Ryan Gately of Rice. In the second round, he beat second-seeded Chris Hayden of Southern Mississippi 5-7, 6-1, 6-4. In the third round, Robinson defeated Clive Ulyett of South Alabama 6-4, 6-1. Robinson then beat Jose Medrano of Rice 6-4, 5-7, 6-3 in the fourth round to advance to the semifinals against Rubio.

"He (Robinson) had some good wins," Richter said. "I think he's going to help us quite a bit this season."

Becouarn received a bye in the first round and defeated Christian Paul of Northeast Louisiana 7-6, 6-3

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## Women's tennis team set to host quad meet

By ANDY WARD  
TCU Daily Skiff

Women's tennis teams from four universities will meet at TCU's Mary Potishman Lard Tennis Center Oct. 16-18.

TCU is hosting a quadrangular tournament featuring the lady netters of Southern Methodist University, The University of Oklahoma, The University of Minnesota and TCU. The tournament will provide all four teams an opportunity to explore possibilities, combinations and lineups, said TCU women's tennis coach

Roland Ingram.

"This is a practice tournament," Ingram said "This is for all four coaches and teams to see where we are and what we need to work on. This is just another stop on the road of progression to check to see where we are."

This week's tournament follows last week's regional tournament in Austin where seniors Teri Martin and Lisa Beard reached the round of 16 in singles.

In this week's tournament each player will play three singles

matches and three doubles matches.

"In the first round everyone plays each other six times. I made it as fair to each school as I could," Ingram said.

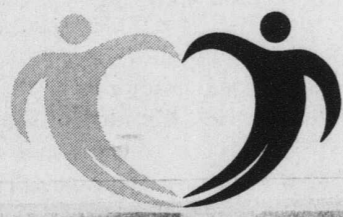
Over the last couple of weeks the flu bug has taken its toll on TCU's women netters. The team member's health seems to be somewhat improved, but Ellie Stark and Lisa Beard are likely to be sidelined this weekend.

"We'll see who's healthy and who's not," Ingram said. "That determines what we do this week."

Ingram said that at this point he wasn't sure what the pairings in doubles would be. Before illness intervened he had planned to pair Teri Martin and Lisa Beard in the first flight. In the second flight would be Ellie Stark and Leigh Ann Smith. Christina Stangeland and Laura Worley would comprise the third flight. The fourth flight would consist of Sietske Mulder and Shannon Armstrong.

One round of singles matches and two rounds of doubles are planned for both Friday and Saturday.

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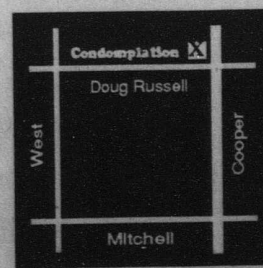
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# News

## University tuition increasing faster than student aid

By JON MARCUS  
Associated Press

BOSTON — The cost of attending public colleges and universities has increased at a double-digit rate for the second straight year, far ahead of state and federal financial aid, the College Board reported Tuesday.

The cost of higher education ranges from \$321 a year at the public, two-year College of the Mainland in Texas City, Texas, to \$24,380 at private Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, N.Y. The highest-priced state school is the University of Vermont, which charges in-state students \$10,006 for tuition, housing and a meal plan.

Average tuition and fees at four-year public universities and colleges rose 10 percent to \$2,315 this fall, the College Board reported. Room and board brings the total to \$5,841. At two-year schools, the average increased to \$1,292.

"A lot of students have been driven from public colleges and universities and people are also having trouble affording community colleges at this point," said Stacey Leyton, president of the U.S. Student Association.

This fall's 10 percent hike follows an increase of 13 percent last year.

The increase in the cost of private institutions has been slowing, partly in response to competition for a dwindling number of traditional-age students.

At four-year private universities and colleges, tuition and fees now average \$10,498, and at private two-year colleges, \$5,621 — increases of 7 percent and 6 percent. Room and board adds an average of \$4,575 to the cost at private four-year schools.

"Given the state of the economy and its impact on state budgets, many people expected much larger increases this year, particularly in the public sector," said Donald M. Stewart, president of the College Board, a New York-based association of 2,800 higher education institutions.

Many colleges and universities are cutting programs, laying off some faculty and staff, and deferring maintenance of buildings and equipment.

"Even with the big tuition increases, they're still losing ground," said David W. Breneman, former president of Kalamazoo College and a visiting professor at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Colleges and universities are also being squeezed by falling public budgets for financial aid.

Federal, state and institutional financial aid rose less than 8 percent last year and the maximum amount available from the federal government's principal grant program actually fell from \$2,400 to \$2,300.

Total student aid has dropped in constant dollars in the last 10 years, according to the College Board.

"By and large, what happens is the people who are most price-sensitive are those at the bottom of the ladder," said D. Stanley Carpenter, associate professor of education at Texas A&M University. "The very people we're most anxious to get in to diversify the campuses are the people who are most adversely affected by higher prices and diminished aid."

In 15 years, loans have increased from 17 percent of financial aid to 50 percent, the U.S. Department of Education says.

"A lot of middle-income students are graduating from school \$20,000 or \$30,000 in debt," said Leyton.

The increased expense is magnified at a time when the U.S. Census Bureau says 45 percent of all students take more than the traditional four years to graduate. Many work part-time to earn tuition, or don't have access to required courses because of cutbacks.

"The middle class is being squeezed very hard," said Breneman. "There's a reasonable amount of pain."

Among the most expensive private colleges for tuition, room and board are Brandeis University, \$24,231; Barnard, \$24,170; Bennington, previously the nation's most costly school, now \$23,880; Yale, \$23,700; the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, \$23,565; Harvard and Radcliffe, \$23,514; Hampshire, \$23,260; Smith, \$23,085; and Wellesley, \$22,900.



TCU Daily Skiff/ Jenny Putchinski

Todd Scallorn fights for a loose groundball against Austin College defenders Sunday. The TCU lacrosse club won the game, their first of the season, 21-9.

## Honor society goes from service to serving

By MICHAEL ROWETT  
TCU Daily Skiff

Scabbard & Blade, the Army ROTC academic honor society, is shifting its focus this semester from service projects to serving dinner.

"We classify ourselves as an honor/service organization," said Ron Childress, president of Scabbard & Blade and a senior geology major. "However, this semester, our main task will be being responsible for the Army ROTC Dining In event."

Scabbard & Blade was put in charge of preparations for the event by Lt. Col. Paul Myers, chair of the department of military science.

The Dining In event is held every fall, Childress said. The cadet battalion leaders have presided over the event in the past, but this year Scabbard & Blade officers will serve in these positions, he said.

The event is traditionally held after the Army ROTC Field Training Exercise, Childress said. This semester, it is scheduled for Nov. 2 at the Colonial Country Club, he said.

Dining In is an all-military event involving the entire cadet corps and faculty, Childress said. Various rules and procedures are set down, but the main purpose is to have fun, he said.

"The goal is to let your hair down," he said. "We have a guest speaker, and it's a lot of fun. There are, however, procedures to be observed."

The event is controlled by the president of the mess. Childress will serve in this position since he is president of Scabbard & Blade.

"It's a tradition," he said. "First, the president of the mess asks the vice president of the mess to taste the food. Nobody can taste their food until the vice president decides it is worthy of consumption."

Other rules involve gestures of common courtesy, Childress said. For example, when a female cadet stands up, all the male cadets at the table stand up as well, he said.

Those who do not follow the procedures will not get off scot free, Childress said.

"We make a 'grog,'" he said. "Common drinks like 7-Up and grape juice are put in. Then, the seniors get to put in one item each."

"Theoretically, you can put in anything," he said. "We've had people put in Pepto Bismol, sardines, and sticks of butter."

People who don't follow the procedures must drink from the "grog," Childress said.

"It's also a great time to rat on your

friends," he said. "They open the floor for that. And if the person being accused of something says it's a lie, then it's an integrity check and they both have to drink from the 'grog.' The faculty are not exempt — they're in with the rest of us."

Preparations for the Dining In event this semester will take up a majority of the organization's time, Childress said.

"We've been looking for a semi-small kind of service project," he said. "Nothing is etched in stone yet."

Childress has been involved with Scabbard & Blade since the second semester of his sophomore year. He said he became president this semester through an unusual set of circumstances.

"My wife was president last semester," he said. "She was supposed to serve an entire year, but she had some medical problems and lost her scholarship. They needed someone quickly, and it was really ironic they picked me. I suppose I'm president by default."

The organization's shift from service projects to being involved with the Dining In event goes along with a move toward a more academic slant, Childress said.

"While I'm president, I'm going to push more for the academic side as opposed to service," he said. "That's what Scabbard & Blade was started for."

Cadets must have a 3.0 cumulative grade point average by the second semester of their sophomore year to join, Childress said.

Cadets who qualify are subsequently invited to join. Out of 140 cadets, 40 are qualified to join and 25 are members, he said.

The organization will hold its fall initiation for pledges at the end of October or beginning of November, Childress said.

"It involves a ceremony with five parts, since Scabbard & Blade was founded by five cadets," he said. "We do an early morning initiation in which the pledges are blindfolded."

Childress said he hopes Scabbard & Blade will continue to be involved with the Dining In event.

"I'd like to think we'll keep doing it," he said. "It's not a service project, but we're moving away from service projects anyway into just academics. It moves Scabbard & Blade up the ladder just a bit and puts it onto that pedestal."

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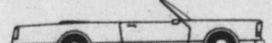
naturalized U.S. citizen who devotes himself to research, translation and writing and assisting self-help projects for the poor in Texas and Mexico.

Lara-Braud was Dean of the Presbyterian Seminary in Mexico City

and has served in many religious organizations. Presently, he is a visiting professor at the University of Texas at Austin.

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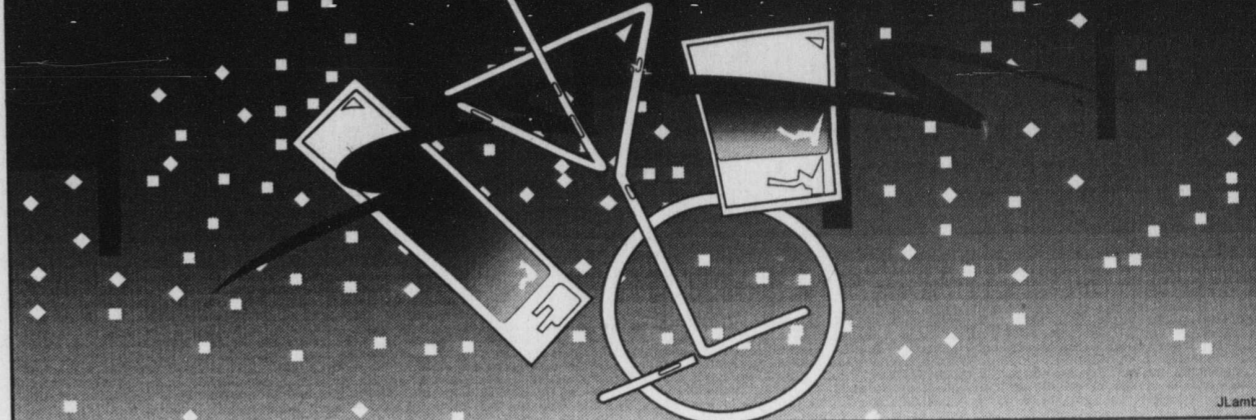
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# hits the road

## Down by...

## the riverwalk



*By Rachel Brown  
TCU Daily Skiff*

Students who need a getaway this Fall Break don't have to look to other states for fun.

San Antonio is a culturally rich city in southcentral Texas where visitors enjoy the atmosphere of Old Mexico one minute and see high rise buildings the next.

The area has its share of historical sites, including the Alamo and numerous missions.

But an emphasis on modern entertainment also draws an estimated 10 million visitors per year, said Bill Whipkey of the San Antonio Convention and Visitors Bureau.

One of the most popular attractions of the city is a two-and-a-half mile stretch known as the Paseo del Rio, or River Walk.

This walk, 20 feet below street level, is made of stone paths that

line the business district of the San Antonio River.

The River Walk boasts a transportation system that is a sightseer's dream.

Floating barges carry visitors to shopping areas, the convention center, or just along the river to watch people. Some of the barges offer candlelit meals for groups.

Dining choices along the River Walk range from Texas favorites to pasta, with great variety in between. Some restaurants are fairly casual while others are better for dressy occasions.

River Walk visitors might be able to catch a show at the Arneson River Theatre. An open-air stage is on one side of the river and spectators sit on the other. This theatre does performances for various festivals and on some holidays.

Robyn Molyneaux moved to San Antonio from Fort Worth in June of

last year. She said she enjoyed the River Walk because it was not only fun but safe.

"What attracts me to it (the River Walk) is the fact that you can go to downtown at night and not be afraid," she said. "There's always something going on."

Molyneaux said tourists were always eager to see the River Walk area.

"That's what everybody wants to see when they go to San Antonio," she said. "They're like, 'Take us to the Alamo! Take us to the River Walk!'"

The River Walk is not just for tourists.

Residents themselves like to go there, said Molyneaux. She said she went there about once a month.

San Antonio is a city of graciousness, according to a Convention and Visitors Bureau press release. But Molyneaux said this statement was

not just talk or publicity.

She added that the River Walk area was especially hospitable.

"That (the River Walk) is probably one of the warmest places in San Antonio," she said. "Everybody down there is real friendly."

College students like to go to San Antonio for the entertainment, Molyneaux said.

"There's always something for the younger crowd, mostly club-

type things," she said.

Where visitors stay in San Antonio depends a lot on their budgets. The following hotels are popular with River Walk guests, said Janie Garza of the Convention and Visitors Bureau:

\*The Hilton, Holiday Inn, and the Hyatt, all on the Riverwalk. These places charge about \$100 per night.

\*La Quinta-Market Square, Holiday Inn-Market Square, and Emily

Morgan, all located downtown. Cost is around \$70-\$80 per night.

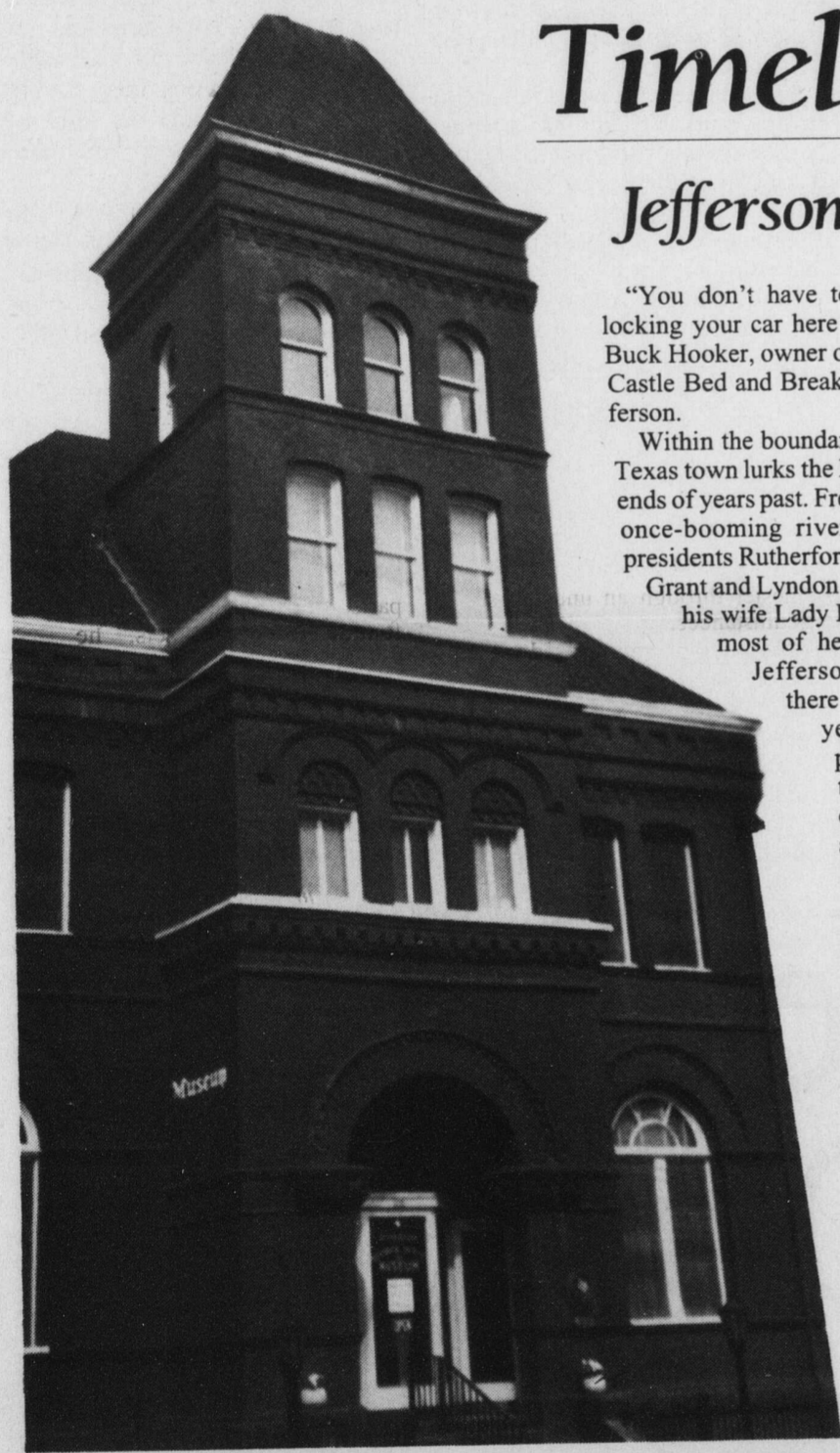
\*For the smallest of budgets, Garza suggested Motel 6 or Alamo Travel Lodge, also downtown. Costs are \$50 and below.

San Antonio, the 10th largest city in the United States, is about 275 miles from the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

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## Timeless tranquility

### Jefferson combines Southern hospitality with a bit of historical charm



"You don't have to worry about locking your car here at night," said Buck Hooker, owner of the Captain's Castle Bed and Breakfast Inn in Jefferson.

Within the boundaries of this east Texas town lurks the history and legends of years past. Frequenters of the once-booming river port include presidents Rutherford B. Hays, U.S. Grant and Lyndon B. Johnson and his wife Lady Bird, who spent most of her childhood in Jefferson and returns there at least once a year. Also, still preserved are the town legends, Jay Gould and Diamond Bessie, whose murder trial spanned nearly four years.

Railroad tycoon, Gould, was said to put a curse on the town when its people refused to allow his Texas and Pacific Railroad to pass through the Jefferson town limits. The railroad was redirected through Marshall, leaving Jefferson solely dependant on its steamship port.

As the legend stands, before leaving Jefferson, Gould swore "grass would grow in your streets and bats will roost in your bellies," thus predicting the demise of the town.

The Big Cypress Bayou, once the source of the town's thriving river port, was navigable thanks to a giant log jam. The log jam was then destroyed by the Army Corps of Engineers — supposedly under the persuasion of Jay Gould. Once the jam was destroyed, the Bayou water level dropped nearly 8 feet, causing the source of Jefferson's prosperity to become unnavigable.

Without the Bayou, Jefferson, as David Weisman, freelance writer for Texas Highways, said "merely slumbered, only to be awakened like Rip van Winkle by the 35 women of the Jesse Allen Wise Garden Club."

The women of the club, recognized the potential of the town nearly 5 decades ago and began to restore its historical landmarks. The club, current owners of the Excelsior House, are founders of the Jefferson Historical Pilgrimage, one of the oldest festivals in Texas. Held annually in May, the pilgrimage includes a tour of several of the historical homes of the town, a parade and a tour of the Excelsior House and Atlanta Railroad Car, once owned by Gould.

Throughout the year, Jefferson is a hub of activity. Around Christmas time the town sponsors the Candlelight Tour, during which the historical homes are elaborately decorated with fire lights, natural greenery, fresh flowers and homemade ornaments. The tour, held Dec. 3 through 5 and 10 through 12, is held in conjunction with the Holiday Trail of Lights.

The trail, created by the combined efforts of Jefferson and neighboring towns Marshall, Natchitoches and Shreveport and Bossier City, La., will sponsor a full season of events to ring in the spirit of Christmas.

The events will include everything from a performance by a Barbershop quartet at the candlelight homes in Jefferson to the Christmas Festival Duck Race in Natchitoches.

This weekend, the Jefferson Bed and Breakfast Association will sponsor Jefferson's Annual Fall Tour of Bed & Breakfast Homes. The two-day tour will include stops at the Gone with the Wind Inn, McKay House and Captain's Castle.

It's not odd that most of Jefferson's celebrations revolve around the bed and breakfast inns, after all, most of Jefferson livelihood revolves around the inns as well.

At any given moment, there could be anywhere from 25 to 30 "B&B" inns in Jefferson. Some, recent developments from recently vacated bedrooms, come and go, but there are a few reliable stops that continue to preserve Jefferson's heritage with anything from claw-footed bathtubs to the mahogany dressers.

Jefferson is a town for couples and weekend getaways. Only a few rooms in town accept reservations from families with children under 13. The rest of the town, is in essence, reserved for lovers and friendship bonding stays.

The Pride House, selected as one of the 23 most romantic spots in America by Woman's Day magazine, provides its guests with a trip into the past with its Victorian decor and original stained glass windows and ornate woodwork. The Pride House, like many of the other inns, is divided into two locations

— the main house and the dependency.

The Pride House use refers to its dependency as a "country cousin" providing rooms with outdoor entrances and private baths, all with a distinct touch of country living.

Each of the rooms in the Pride House is unique in their decor. Although all center around the Victorian era, each has a distinct touch — anything from antique white wicker furniture and brass beds to a suite with English cottage decor, Franklin stove, oriental rug and oak desk.

Not unlike the Pride House, the Captain's Castle offers its guests a taste of the past, albeit with its own special twist. The castle, according to current owner Buck Hooker, who purchased the inn with his wife Barbara only a month ago, was originally owned by Captain Thomas J. Rogers, confederate soldier and local banking pioneer. The Castle, originally two houses, was pieced together.

One portion of the house originally stood on the current location of the inn, the other, formerly a one of the town's most elaborate bawdy houses, was moved to its current site by a mule-drawn log roller.

The Castle's quarters are arranged similar to the Pride House, with a main house, the Castle, and a dependency, the Carriage House. The house has three main guest rooms, each with private bath and shower, and its own romantic decor. Breakfast is served to the Carriage House guests following coffee and muffins brought to each doorstep, in the glass enclosed gazebo out front.

Guests of the main house can stay in any one of the unique rooms, ranging from Melissa's room, complete with antique

granny quilts, toy-filled trunks and hats for dress-up, to Marian's room with a romantic bedroom suite furnished with antiques original to the house.

Guests of the main house also receive an early morning wake-up with fresh brewed coffee and muffins, followed by breakfast served in the main dining room.

Aside from the Captain's Castle and Pride Inn, another highly recommended stop is at the McKay House, circa 1851. House guests are provided with everything from Victorian nightgowns and sleepshirts to a Gentleman's breakfast served in period dress.

The McKay house, rated as one of the 10 most romantic inns in America by Vacation magazine and "outstanding" by American Bed & Breakfast Association, is also comprised of two separate houses, the actual McKay House and the Sunday House.

Jefferson provides its visitors with a plethora of bed and breakfast stops, as well as two very unique hotels - The Jefferson Hotel and The Excelsior House.

Of the two, The Excelsior House is the most fascinating. The hotel, a favorite spot for wedding receptions today, was once the popular location for gala balls and gathering. The house is famous for its Plantation breakfasts and elaborate ceremonies beneath the glow of antique French chandeliers complete with porcelain cups holding candles, and above genuine oriental rugs.

Jefferson is a three-hour car ride away from Fort Worth - nestled at the crossroads of U.S. 59 and Texas 49, only about 20 miles from Shreveport, La.

-Lisa Yonco

*Even if something is left undone, everyone must take time to sit still and watch the leaves turn.*  
-Elizabeth Lawrence

Amidst the pages of a book titled "Women" on shelf of one of Jefferson's gift and antique shops was that quote, encompassing what is in theory, the force keeping this time-trapped escape alive. The idea that people must eventually grow tired of the telephones ringing, deadlines, police and ambulance sirens and the hustle and bustle of the cities - is what keeps the town of Jefferson alive.

Jefferson, Texas is a tourist town minus the traffic jammed streets and outrageous prices. Instead rooms in Jefferson range from \$60 to \$90, some including breakfast and town retains its narrow streets, traveled more often by horse and mule drawn carriages than by cars. Lining the streets are some 26 bed and breakfast inns, 44 gift and antique shops and homes of Jefferson's 2,199 residents.

Star-Telegram writer Mike Nichols starts his story on Jefferson - "so many porches, so little time." Jefferson, itself, is a town untouched by time. The tree lined streets, covered porches and gazebos remain intact — as they stood in their heyday, with only minor preserving alterations made.

Jefferson is a hideaway that will protect you from the constant ringing of the telephone (some rooms don't even have telephones), seemingly stop time indefinitely pushing that deadline far into the future, bringing you back to the basics - bubble baths, trees perfect for climbing an nights filled with only the music of the crickets and night creatures.



Above right, the Jefferson Museum on Austin Street is open all year round and features a unique collection of Civil War artifacts, rare coins, old bibles and children's clothing and toys preserved from Jefferson's history. Above, Jefferson's main streets are lined with over 44 unique gift and antique shops including several bottling and Christmas shops. For more information on Jefferson call the Marion County Chamber of Commerce at (903)665-2672. Photos by Lisa Yonco.

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# News

## Early voting begins today

Governor plans to cast first ballot in nation for Clinton

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Gov. Ann Richards wants to be the first Texan to cast a general election ballot for presidential candidate Bill Clinton by taking advantage of the state's early voting law today, a spokeswoman said.

Richards, a Democrat, planned to vote at an Austin grocery store at 7 a.m. on the first day of early voting in Texas, said spokeswoman Margaret Justus. The state's early voting period runs from Wednesday through Oct. 30.

Besides casting an early-bird vote for her party's presidential candidate, Richards "wants to encourage people to follow in her footsteps and vote early, and take advantage of the state's early retail voting," Justus said.

The governor's vote will be among the first in the nation. Early voting already has begun in Colorado, another state that permits voting before the Nov. 3 election day.

Democrats planned a strong push to increase early voting in Texas, highlighted by rallies attended by Richards and other Democrats.

For example, Hillary Clinton, wife of Bill Clinton, was scheduled to attend an early-vote rally in Dallas Wednesday, and Democratic National Committee Chairman Ron Brown was to speak at a Hous-

**"Our goal is to have 1.75 million votes cast during the early voting period."**

**KIRK ADAMS,**  
Unity '92 director

ton rally. Richards planned to attend rallies in East Texas with Democratic U.S. Rep. Charlie Wilson.

"Our goal is to have 1.75 million votes cast during the early voting period," said Kirk Adams, director of Unity '92, Texas' coordinated campaign for Democrats.

Republicans, in contrast, planned to concentrate on a "massive phone bank operation" to get out the vote, said spokesman Mark Sanders for Victory '92, the GOP election effort for Bush and other Republicans.

"We made a decision that rather than having a public display with crowds and dragging our volunteers out of the phone banks to show up at a rally, we'd be better served if they were in the phone banks, working," Sanders said. "We don't have time for gimmicks."

However, Sanders said Republican U.S. Rep. Bill Archer and Bush

supporters also planned to vote Wednesday in Houston.

Besides polling places in traditional locations and a number of retail stores, Texans may use mobile early voting sites. These can range from motor home-like vehicles to station wagons containing the essentials for voting, according to Secretary of State John Hannah's office.

Karen Hughes, state GOP spokeswoman, said Richards and Hannah should ensure that every mobile voting site is precleared by the U.S. Justice Department.

Hughes said she'd been told many sites had not been cleared. Bill Cryer, spokesman for Richards, said the responsibility for submitting the sites lies with local county clerks "and we are confident that they would do that."

"It's a typical election-eve kind of Republican thing to try to discourage voters," Cryer said of Hughes' comments.

Hughes said, "We want everyone to vote... We want to make sure that the law is followed."

Also on the eve of early voting, several civil rights groups said they were launching a voter rights protection effort. They said voters who are subjected to intimidation or abuse, or do not receive adequate bilingual assistance or other necessary help, may call 1-800-446-2536.

## Perot shows strongly in debate

By TOM RAUM  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In an election year filled with surprises, Ross Perot's strong showing in the first debate could alter electoral dynamics once again, analysts and strategists of both parties suggested Tuesday.

No one expects the Texas businessman to win. But his homily-filled straight talk could translate into a spurt of support that makes a difference to President Bush and Bill Clinton in individual states.

Tuesday night's vice presidential debate gave Americans another chance to take a look at the Perot-Stockdale ticket. And, political observers suggested that, since expectations were low for retired Adm. James Stockdale, a credible performance by the Vietnam prisoner-of-war-turned-scholar could further pique interest in Perot.

Some analysts said Perot could wind up delivering the coup de grace to Bush and hand an electoral landslide to Democrat Clinton.

The Dallas billionaire could become a "resting place for disenfranchised Republicans" who would otherwise vote for Bush but see the president's chances as hopeless, said Democratic pollster Geoff Garin.

"He can take a lot of votes out of Bush's hide, especially if Bush no longer looks like a viable candidate," Garin said.

Third-party candidates usually fare worse in elections than they do in polls because, in the end, voters don't want to throw away their votes.

But, if Clinton retains a double-digit lead in the polls over Bush,

many voters who don't like either Bush or Clinton may feel they have nothing to lose by casting a protest vote for Perot.

"The minute it looks like Bush may not win, a significant amount of his vote may fold and go into another camp or stay home," said Frank Luntz, a GOP pollster who worked for Perot last spring and summer.

"No longer can you say that Perot will just fade away," Luntz continued. He said Bush, dropping to the high 30s in some recent major polls, "has already dropped below the base Republican vote of 41 percent."

But analysts have misjudged Perot before.

And the true significance of the Perot factor remains hard to compute.

Conventional political wisdom relegated Perot to a trivial status even after his Oct. 1 re-entry. "But what I've seen is that on two big events — his half-hour commercial and the debate performance — he exceeded expectations," said University of Texas political scientist Bruce Buchanan.

An estimated audience of 16 million Americans watched Perot's first 30-minute commercial. And, several major polls suggested that viewers believed Perot to be the winner of the first debate.

While there is no evidence yet that Perot's spurt will turn into a surge, "I'm not ready to say that this guy is just a blip on the screen," Buchanan said.

Whether Perot can maintain voter interest is unknown.

Perot's humor came across as refreshing and novel to many view-

ers, but those who have followed the jug-eared Texan's career recognized many of his lines, including a quip about being "all ears," as ones he uses frequently.

Some of his less endearing qualities — critics say arrogance and irascibility — could surface in the remaining two debates.

Nearly all observers agree that Perot can hurt Bush the easiest in Texas, the state both of them claim as home and a must-win state for the president with its 32 electoral votes.

Conventional thinking also suggests that Perot's renaissance could hurt Clinton more than Bush in states

such as California and the industrial Midwest. But Clinton already has such large leads in California and Illinois, Michigan and Ohio that he might be unaffected.

Bush campaign strategists suggest that Perot's surge could help Bush more than Clinton.

"Decision making is much later in a three-way race. I think it opens up more people to reconsider who they're going to vote for," said Bush campaign chairman Robert Teeter.

But GOP pollster Neil Newhouse said, for Perot to help Bush, he would have to enjoy a large surge and not just a spurt, peeling off a sizeable number of Clinton supporters. "A big surge would provide the kind of opportunity for Bush to win those voters back."

"It doesn't help Bush unless Bush is able to take advantage of it. But it would provide him with an opportunity. And we're running short of opportunities," Newhouse said.

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"I'm real proud of Villela and Garcia," Stewart said. "They brought credit to themselves and the entire university. We (the Campus Police) plan to do a lot more community service work in the future."

Stewart said he plans to award Villela and Garcia certificates of appreciation on behalf of the university to recognize their special efforts toward crime prevention and safe living. Garcia said one of the things that impressed him was the community service performed by university students in low income areas of Fort Worth.

"I really felt good about TCU students," Garcia said. "I didn't know our students were so heavily involved in community service projects in areas like south Fort Worth.

Many of the kids there are Hispanic and underprivileged. I really appreciated TCU's students because they are willing to help people less fortunate than themselves."

Villela said many of the students she talked to had never heard of the

university.

"Our presence as TCU representatives was good for the kids," she said. "Knowing about TCU and the willingness of the staff and students to help might help some of the kids fulfill their dreams now that they know that some people care."

## Tennis/ page 5

in the second round. In the third round, he beat Stephane Plot of Mississippi State 6-4, 6-1. Becouarn dropped the first set, but came back to defeat John McConnell of Arkansas 0-6, 6-1, 6-3 in the quarterfinals. In the semifinals, Becouarn had another tough match defeating top-seeded Peter Kuhn of South Alabama 7-6, 4-6, 6-2.

Bowen defeated Joe Horwitz of SMU 6-4, 7-6 in the opening round. He then beat Shawn Heinchon of Southwest Louisiana 6-1, 3-6, 6-1. He defeated Kevin Epley of SMU 6-3, 7-6 before losing to Kuhn in the quarterfinals.

"Devin played very well," Richter said. "It was the best tennis I've seen him play since he's been here."

Twelve teams competed in the tournament including Southwest Conference rivals SMU and Rice.

This week Rubio, Robinson and Bowen will be playing in the Volvo Championships in Austin. Becouarn qualified for the tournament but will stay in Fort Worth because of nagging injuries.

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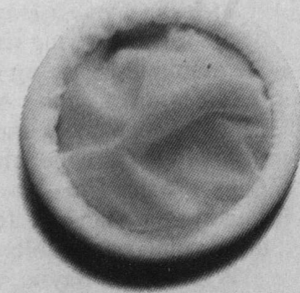
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