Professors voice opinions on Clinton's economic plans

By DANIEL TOUCHETTE TCU Daily Skiff

The transition period has begun, and the policies of President-elect Bill Clinton are beginning to be formed.

On Wednesday, Clinton paid his first visit since the election to Washington, D.C., and traveled through some of the poorest neighborhoods in the United States. Focusing on the residents of these neighborhoods, he said to reporters, "These people don't want a handout, they want a hand up . . . That's the president I want to be. I'm going to do my best not to get out of touch as president."

In his campaign, Clinton gave several promises to cure America's ailments, provoking both hope and criticism about the change our country is preparing to experience. One of the most important issues is the economy, including ways to revive the business cycle.

"There will be an emphasis in macroeconomics to try to reach the underlying malaise," said Richard Waits, chairman of the economics department. "Clinton hopes to create 500,000 jobs with his policies, which include accelerating spending on roads, bridges and other infrastructure

However, there is a new problem, Waits said. "The new jobs will not be good jobs,"

In order to revitalize the economy, more blue-collar, low-income jobs will be created before higher-income jobs can be available, he said.

The creation of these jobs will improve the standing of lower-income groups, Waits said. The middle-income group, which has recently decreased in size, will increase with the addition of previously unemployed or low-salary people into the job market, he

he new jobs will not be good jobs."

RICHARD WAITS,

Economics department chairman

said. The upper income group would remain the same in size, he saod.

The proposed tax increases on the upper income group would not be an effort to raise money for the budget deficit, but rather an act of fairness in distribution,

"(In Clinton's proposal, the government) is only going to collect 4 to 5 percent more of the earned income," he said.

That income does not include income from capital gains or from bonds, so in reality, only about 1 1/2 to 2 percent more of

their income will be taxed, he said. "I don't think they're going to miss it,"

Michael Katovich, associate professor of sociology, said, "(Clinton's) proposals about the infrastructure will allow people to

work at better jobs." Katovich said the creation of new jobs would help people gain confidence to an extent: "The attitude about the economy is subjective. It has to do with the perceptions

of the individuals." "Clinton wants to work on the population who are poor, but he can't do it all to change people's perceptions," he said. "People are conditioned by the media; they gain images of the media by watching TV or reading a newspaper."

Among the issues, there is concern over Clinton's idea to lift the ban on abortion at federally funded health clinics, and to have a "litmus test" for Supreme Court justices

who support Roe v Wade, Katovich said. "The lines are clearly drawn. The battle over abortion will continue beyond Clinton's term, and into the next century," he

said. "Any ruling will displease people. Whatever presidential decision there is, there will always be battles." One issue Clinton is opposed to is allot-

ting federal money towards private and religious schools, said Ronald Flowers, chairman of the religion-studies department.

"President Bush is in favor of giving money to private schools, while Clinton is in favor of money only going to public schools," Flowers said. "He said it would be unconstitutional for the government to fund private religious institutions.

"(Clinton's change) has to start happening soon," Katovich said. "There's a changing in perceptions and moods. The media can show what can happen if people start coming out of poverty."



Kristen Turner (left) and Stephanie Beach count money collected in rice bowls during Hunger Week.

Auction raises money to help feed hungry

By BETH AINE BOLLINGER TCU Daily Skiff

Approximately 100 people attended an auction Wednesday night in the Student Center Ballroom to help the campus ministries raise money for organizations that help feed the hungry.

Students, faculty and staff were able to buy tickets for the auction and the banquet the week before or at the door of the banquet.

When people bought their tickets, they drew a piece of paper that determined what area in which they were to eat, said Kristen Turner, a junior political science major.

"The banquet area was divided into three areas," Turner said. "The majority of the students ate beans and rice on the floor, others ate stew, while other students ate chicken dinners."

The divisions were made to reflect the percentages of Ameri-

cans who eat meals that are comparable to the ones that were offered at the banquet, she said.

Letters were sent out to celebrities, faculty, staff and administrators at the beginning of the semester, asking them to donate items to the auction, Turner said. Many celebrities donated autographed paraphernalia, and many faculty members donated meals,

The auction has raised \$2946, said the Rev. John Butler, university minister.

The money will probably keep rolling in until some time in late January, Turner said. Much of the money that will be coming in will be in the form of donations, she

"The Hunger Week Committee decides where the money goes," he said. "If they were to purchase the

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Trustee committee lets students voice concerns of campus

Regents meetings at the University

of Texas and Texas A&M University

would give the students a better

understanding of and more respect

make decisions which affect every

last one of us," he told the commit-

for the board, he said.

Opening the trustee meetings

"We invest our trust in you to

"The people on the board care

King, a newly-appointed trustee,

Creating the post of vice-chancel-

said he was impressed by the process

of airing student concerns and with

lor for minority affairs was another

controversial issue during the meet-

creation of a vice-chancellor for

minority affairs, said Ben Walters,

The committee wanted to see the

"We wanted a vice-chancellor for

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because students of color need a

voice at the administrative level to

represent minority students," said

Wanda Mosley, Black Student Cau-

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"It's a much needed position

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about the school or they wouldn't be

on the board," said trustee J. Luther

By SARAH YOEST TCU Daily Skiff

The Trustee/Student Relations Committee met last night to hear students' concerns and decide what to take to the Board of Trustees meeting this afternoon.

The students' concerns have a high priority with the administration as well as the board of trustees, said William L. Adams, chairman of the Trustee/Student Relations Commit-

"The board is as concerned, if not more so, than students are about these issues," Adams said. "These issues will be brought to the board," he said. Any action, however, is up to the administration, he said.

The purpose of the committee is to keep the trustees aware of the concerns of the student population. The Trustee/Student Relations Committee is the only forum for student concerns because board meetings are

The issue of opening board meetings drew heated conversation, said Akum Norder, who represented the Honors Cabinet at the meeting.

"They seemed angered at the request," Norder said.

"I don't believe that there is justifiable reason for keeping the meetings closed," said Jeff Blaylock, who represented the Skiff at the meeting. Blaylock introduced the issue of

Blaylock said the Board of .

Investigation will determine whether UT swim team incident was a case of hazing.

And the verdict?

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Frog Football

Frogs look to eliminate Texas A&M's national title hopes on Saturday.

For Better or For Worse Columnist gives us inside look at cartoonist's life and career.

METROPLEX

Today will be cloudy and rainy with a high of 65 degrees. Saturday will start off cloudy but clear up by afternoon and reach a high in the 60s. Sunday will be clear and cool with a high on the



Finding health insurance a hurdle for new graduates in 'real world'

By MICHELE GRAY TCU Daily Skiff

Students experiencing flashes of fatigue and stress over last-minute graduation preparations will have another factor to consider after that fateful day: health insurance.

Many students are already insured under their parents' coverage. If not, there is no inexpensive way to purchase health insurance, said Marilyn Hallam, Health Center administrative assistant.

Discussions are currently underway on whether recently-graduated college students should be insured as a group and charged group rates, Hallam said.

For the moment, students must find the right insurance for their own health needs, she said.

"When they (graduates) find their job, they should find out what compensations they'll receive to insure them," she said.

Health insurance coverage depends on the company where the graduate is hired, Hallam said.

Graduates without jobs can look in the phone book to find insurance companies, she said.

"However, their rates will be fairly expensive as individuals rather than

Lois Banta, the university's director of benefits, said most students will not worry about health insurance because their parents will continue to help them out after graduation.

One benefit university employees receive is the Consolidated Omnibus Reconciliation Act, passed nationally in 1985, which states parents' health insurance benefits can be extended to their children.

Graduates without health insurance and a job must go to an insurance company or agency, Banta said.

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Texans participate in activities to discourage smoking for a day

By DARRYL EWING TCU Daily Skiff

Texas organizers of the Great American Smokeout didn't allow rain and overcast skies to snuff out events designed to encourage smokers to lay off the tobacco for at least

Thursday was the day the American Cancer Society hoped to convince the nation's 50 million smokers if they could "Take a Vacation From Smoking" for one day they could do it for good.

In Dallas, participants in a bowling contest used frozen turkeys - a reminder to smokers to quit their

cigarette cartons. Those who got the lucky strike registered for a drawing for a 16-pound turkey.

Mr. Butts, a character created by cartoonist Garry Trudeau, distributed "Kiss Me, I Don't Smoke" stickers and tips on how to quit smoking during the holidays.

"We try to make it a lively event because smoking is such a difficult activity to give up," said Pam Spore, Dallas Smokeout co-chairwoman.

"If we can get them to quit for one day, it makes it easy for them to quit another day and another day," Spore

According to the American Can-

habit "cold turkey" — to topple cer Society, there will be about 168,000 new cases of lung cancer this year and tobacco-related deaths will reach 434,000.

The cancer society predicted about 40 percent of the nation's smokers would participate in Smokeout

It was more like a "Soak Out" in San Antonio as rain forced about 200 children inside Rivercenter Mall for a skit by San Antonio College students. Tommy Tobacco, Nancy Nicotine, Terry Tar and Buster Butt told youngsters not to start smoking at all. Meanwhile, a local country

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Trustee/page 1

The board of trustees is very supportive of diversity at the university, but the chancellor has yet to act on the report he commissioned on minority affairs, Walters said.

"I'm disappointed that the chancellor, who commissioned the report in the first place, was unwilling to update student and trustee leaders specifically on any proposal, especially one as compellingly important as a vice-chancellor for minority affairs," Blaylock said.

"It would appear the university is doing its best to ignore the task force's recommendations and cover up its lack of action under the pretenses of digesting a report they've had for 18 months," he said.

Other issues raised included:

•Renovating the Student Center. Jeannie Schroeder, president of the Residence Hall Association, gave three main concerns: improving access to the campus for handicapped students; expanding the building's available meeting and study spaces; and making the back doors of the student center near the mall and Student Activities Office more accommodating for the large number of students who pass through those doors every day.

•Bringing cable TV to campus housing. International Students Association President Sebastiano Leoni said his recent survey showed 78 percent of students said they would be more likely to stay on campus if cable TV were available. Ninety percent of students want cable, Leoni said. The board said if students want cable TV, they will work to get it.

"Cable TV is no longer a luxury but a necessity," Leoni said. "It informs, it educates and it entertains."

•Purplizing the campus area. House of Student Representatives Treasurer Tiffany Swayzee offered three suggestions for enhancing Horned Frog pride in the campus area. They include using more purple to decorate area buildings like Flash has done; painting the inside of Daniel-Meyer Coliseum purple; and roping off a student section in Amon Carter Stadium and painting those seats purple.

According to Campus Police records, the following offenses and violations occurred at and around the university from Nov. 12 to 19:

Friday, November 20, 1992

BURGLARY OF A VEHI-CLE:

Nov. 16: A black Kenwood Model KDC-80 compact disk player, Serial Number 80801984, was stolen from a student car parked in the Tandy Hall parking lot. Nothing else was stolen from the car. Police had no suspects in connection with the theft.

BURGLARY OF A HABI-TATION:

Nov. 13: A Milton Daniel Hall resident reported the theft of \$50 in cash and an 18-inch, 18-karat. gold rope necklace from his room. Police had no suspects or witnesses in connection with the

Nov. 14: Someone stole a wheel cover, valued at about \$75, from a student car parked south of Foster

Nov. 17: The Marriott Food Service manager reported the theft of Texas License Plate CYO 0432 from a food service vehicle parked in the Worth Hills Campus dining hall parking lot.

ASSAULT (VERBAL THREAT):

Nov. 17: A Milton Daniel resident filed a complaint with the police accusing another student of allegedly threatening him after he told the student to stay out of his room and leave his possessions alone

CRIMINAL TRESPASS:

Nov. 16: Police detained a 38year-old man walking across the parking lot behind Robert Carr Chapel. Since the man did not have a valid reason to be on university property, police issued him voice and sometimes talked with a a criminal trespass warning and escorted him off campus.

Nov. 18: Police detained a 22year-old male soliciting magazine

subscriptions near Waits Hall. Police issued the man a criminal trespass warning and escorted him

off campus. SUSPICIOUS PERSON:

Nov. 19: A Frances Sadler Hall resident reported a suspicious incident in which someone opened her door about 2 a.m. while she was asleep. When she looked up, the person slammed the door shut and ran down the hallway. In a similar incident, a second hall resident left her room for a few minutes, leaving the room lights on. When she returned, she found the lights off. Police had no suspects in connection with either incident.

Nov. 13: A university student reported seeing two men in a white Ford utility van loitering in the parking lot across the street from the Counseling Center. The men left the area before police

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:

Nov. 13: A university student reported that someone scratched the front window and window molding of his car while it was parked in the lot in front of the Student Center. Police had no suspects or witnesses in connection with the vandalism.

Nov. 15: The Tomlinson Hall residential advisor reported that someone had torn down some ceiling tiles and brackets, valued at about \$250, in the hall's 2nd floor corridor. Police had no suspects or witnesses in connection with the vandalism.

TELEPHONE HARASS-

Nov. 12: A Shirley Hall resident reported receiving a number of harassing telephone calls, some of which were obscene. The victim said the caller had a male Hispanic accent. The victim also said that another person calling himself Jim had called. The victim did not know anyone named Jim.

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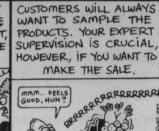
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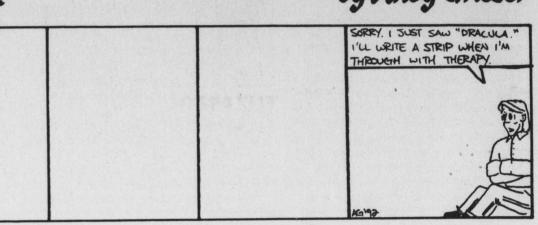
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Cold November rain recalls rock-and-roll friendship from afar

In my high school government class my senior year, I sat in the far corner of the room next to the windows. I didn't know anyone in the class.

The person who sat behind me was a short guy with long black hair. He wore Led Zeppelin T-shirts and a denim jacket with Pink Floyd embroidered on the back. We didn't know each other at all; he and I ran in totally different social circles.

That November it rained. It wasn't really cold outside, so you never quite got warm. The rain dripped off the browning leaves and gathered in dismal puddles on the sidewalk. It stayed that way for a

I was sad. Rain always makes me sad. Dreary. I worry more than I usually do, which for me is saying something.

I came into to government that day and

gets you down."



ELIZABETH LUNDAY

watched the rain outside. Soon, the guy who sat behind me came in and sat down, too. He, too, watched the rain.

ber how that conversation started. Probably we accidentally made eye contact. Probably I smiled, embarrassed; I guess he

smiled back. And then I said something like, "I hate it when it rains like this." And he said something like, "Yeah, it

connection - fragile, but a connection.

I can't remem-

And I said, "Yeah, it does." Not the most memorable dialogue in the world. But dialogue, no less. And it was a

We talked from then on, a little. It was strange, talking to him. We came from such different worlds. He had dropped out of school for a year and then come back to get his diploma, so he felt older and unconnected to the other students. I was getting out and going to college, so I felt

the ties to the old school slipping away. Sometimes we would talk about the other students in the class; we would make fun of their immaturity and ignorance. It probably wasn't very kind of us. Sometimes, very carefully, we would talk about

what was going to happen aftergraduation. That whole year he sat behind me through government and then economics.

A few times I fell asleep in class but he woke me up before the teacher did. Once or twice he forgot to do his homework, and I helped him get it done before the teacher took it up.

But since it was one of those strange social situations, I was never really sure of his name. You know what I mean you've never been introduced, you never are around people who would say his name, you hate to ask. I used to think of him as my little rock-and-roll friend. I even referred to him that way in my diary.

I rarely saw him outside of class. When I did, we would smile at each other. But only in class would we talk.

He wasn't at graduation. He had mentioned going into the army, I remember. But he said he would have to cut his hair off. It took so long to grow out, he said,

but my mom would be happy. Relationships are such tenuous things. They are so very fragile. One harsh touch

and they wither away. Where are you now, my little rock-androll friend? I don't even know your name.

your long black hair still long? Do you remember me, my friend? Do you remember that girl who sat in front of you in government and economics? You were so congratulatory when I got my

scholarship, remember? It is November again, and raining. I would like to talk to you again, just once. It is 11:20: time for government. Look at how heavy the leaves look, wet with rain.

Elizabeth Lunday is a senior advertising/public relations and English major.

Religious beliefs, more than other tenets of living, provide most hope

I didn't learn all I needed to know in kindergarten. I haven't picked up much in the way of book learning in the years since either, but I have seen a lot of strange things in other places. And in May, I'll be getting a

degree from both this fine institution and from the school

It seems that everything I needed to know I learned at college. And for lack of a better idea this week, I'll unload

some of those lessons now. The lessons I'm talking about are basic - like how much alcohol you can consume without getting sick. Thankfully, I never had to stare at my reflection while hunched over the porcelain throne, but I woke up on the floor a couple of times during

the heathen days of my fresh-

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man and sophomore years. I also learned the importance of keeping my mouth shut when nothing constructive could be gained from an argument — like arguing an anti-war viewpoint on a warmongering campus like this one. So, to all the people I hurt or angered back during the Gulf War days by saying what a pointless adventure it was, sorry. Remember, kids: politics aren't worth getting an ulcer or losing sleep over, no matter what the issue is. And they certainly aren't worth losing friends over.

Learn to drive stick-shift and automatic transmissions. You never know when your friends are going to get wasted in the middle of a distant field, leaving you the only person sober enough to get everyone out alive.

Never tune people out. Everyone's got a story that will either be funny or teach you something. Take it from a guy who's met everyone from a one-eyed Irishman to an ex-con out on parole to a Greek Orthodox priest offering his vision of the final universal bang. It's a strange world. Keep your eyes and ears

But the most important lesson I've learned during my four years here at TCU was to have a strong belief in God, and for me that's Jesus Christ. I just want to say to those who misunderstand us that the Bible doesn't tell people to cut themselves off from civilization and fun.

Religious belief (or the lack thereof) is a choice people make. But having seen both sides of the fence in myself and the hundreds of people I've encountered in my 21 years on this planet, I can say that believing in God at least makes things brighter. It's a bleak world out there, and I'll tell you one thing: it would be a lot worse if there weren't any of us crazy Christians choosing not to become alcoholics or spread diseases.

God created everyone as unique individuals, and everyone is expected to make the world a better place in their own unique way. Christianity doesn't want people to conform, it wants people to rise above. And at the very least, it's better than belief systems that tell people that when they die, they get to go through life on this imperfect planet again. And

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again. And again, until they "get it right" - which could be never.

It's also better than religions that believe in cutting people's arms off for stealing, or which tell their followers that eating pork is a sin. And at least we can kill rats and roaches without having to worry if it's a reincarnated relative.

So if you want to knock religious beliefs, there's a lot of stricter, stranger ones out there.

But only Judeo-Christian beliefs tell you you're good enough to be forgiven of your imperfections, and that there's a better place waiting for you when you die. Only death will reveal if we're right or wrong, but I can't imagine living without that hope.

Take it easy, folks. And in case I don't write next semester, thanks for reading me. I've got one more left before this semester ends.

Carl Kozlowski is a senior English major from Arkansas who's probably going to shoot his mouth off again next semester anyway.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Censorship!

In response to Jeff Jeter's article, "Lo, the Liberals cry 'Censorship!' whenever the laws are being enforced," I must to correct some wrong information.

First, Mr. Jeter claimed that Robert Mapplethorpe produced art depicting religious symbols covered with human excrement. Robert Mapplethorpe never produced a photograph depicting any form of desecration to religious objects. Perhaps Mr. Jeter confused Mapplethorpe with another artist, Andres Serrano, also funded by the NEA, whose work, "Piss Christ," was a photograph of a small plastic crucifix submerged in what the title says is urine. Both of these artists were involved in similar censorship controversies.

What really disturbed me about the article was that Mr. Jeter claimed that Robert Mapplethorpe was not the victim of censorship, when in fact he blatantly was. When the NEA was founded 25 years ago, President Johnson explicitly stated that the government could not "seek to restrict the freedom of the artist to pursue his goals his own way." This means that whoever qualifies for NEA funding must be given the freedom to produce whatever sort of art he chooses. If the government says that only certain types of art can be funded, art that does not offend or insult anybody, that is censorship and cannot be allowed.

In addition to this, Mapplethorpe's exhibit was pulled from museums as a result of the controversy surrounding it. This should never have happened. Once an artist produces a work of art, he has every right to display it. Anyone who wished to see Mapplethorpe's work should have been able to, and censorship kept

this from happening. Americans need to think long and hard about what the First Amendment really means, before this happens again. Robert Mapplethorpe was undoubtedly the victim of censorship, and it shouldn't take only a liberal

Alan Dettlaff junior, English

Christians 4, Watson 1

Good job, Mr. Watson!

It is about time someone put the "high and mighty" in their places. I am a Christian, but you will not hear my beliefs unless you ask about them. I feel that those who do get on their soapboxes give those of us who don't a bad name. No one should have to abide by another person's beliefs.

I want to congratulate William Pritchard for standing up for his right not to be a Christian and Dennis Watson for not being afraid to tell us how it really IS.

freshman, psychology

See more Letters to the Editor on page 4!

Athletic initiation must fall under state hazing law

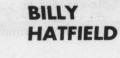
Universities applying double standard

A proposition. How would you like to spend an evening quietly hidden away on the top floor of your residence hall, clad only in diapers, your body smeared with peanut butter and covered in flour.

Stashed in an adjacent room are condoms, an ice chest, bananas, water guns and a bucket of goldfish.

Sound like fun? Sound like hazing? You're probably anticipating my revealing what Greek organization was stupid enough to get caught doing these actions. God knows how those heathens like a good degradation.

Well, surprise, this scenario didn't take place in Worth Hills or on another campus's Greek row. Instead this sorry scene was played out Nov. 10 in the athletic dorm at the University of Texas at Austin by members of the swim team.



According to UT police, several freshmen swimmers wearing diapers and condoms and covered in the above mentioned foods were discovered quietly facing a wall. No arrests or injuries were reported and the incident was turned

over to the dean of students. About 14 students reportedly were involved in the incident, which nobody on the UT campus, especially in the athletic department, has yet to call hazing.

Since state law dictates that activities that include partial nudity or eating an unwanted substance constitute hazing, and both were allegedly involved in the incident, the only clear conclusion would be that hazing occurrred. Yet after 10 days, the dean of students is still investigating whether the initiation was hazing or just fun.

Statements by UT swim coach Eddie Reese suggest the team had done something wrong, but he didn't think it was bad. He also made it a point to say that alcohol was not involved. Then again, Reese has a lot to lose. The UT swim team is ranked second in the country. A reporter from the UT school newspaper, the Daily Texan, said

most people on the UT campus think it's funny. A student here at TCU said it didn't sound like hazing because it "wasn't a fraternity." This doesn't appear to be an isolated incident. An initiation for a

field hockey team at another college involved being blindfolded, eating lemons rolled in coffee grinds, getting drunk and getting doused with water thrown on them by the male residents as they ran through A team member involved in the initiation said campus police were

called and some members of the hockey team were taken in, but the only action taken was a charge of disturbing the peace and a \$100 dollar fine split among the team members, amounting to \$4 a piece. Not exactly a harsh penalty.

That incident took place last year. Earlier this year the TCU freshmen football players had their heads shaved as their "initiation." No action was taken. Just another team ritual.

What precedent is this setting? Administrators seem to be saying it's O.K. for athletic teams to hold these initiation pranks and not get called in for hazing. If the same events had been discovered being practiced by a fraternity or sorority, would the punishment, or the public outcry, be the same? Here's betting my tuition money the response would be far more severe for the Greeks.

Any campus organization, whether it be an athletic team or the band or a Greek organization must be viewed under the same microscope with regards to hazing. Unless state laws are equally applied to all organizations, like they were drawn up to be, then there seems little reason for having them.

Here's hoping UT sets an example for all universities and takes a hard stance against hazing, no matter what group or organization is

It's the only way.

Billy Hatfield is a senior radio-TV-film major.

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Trustees just as concerned

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"Trustees meeting, time for that parking lot to become a Mercedes display."

That's the perception most of us have of the Board of Trustees. It is an evil empire, descending upon our quiet little campus twice a year to pillage and plunder us of everything from our money to our all too precious parking spaces.



CLAY **GAILLARD**

I thought this also until last night when I waited outside the Woodson Room to speak with some of them after they met with the students for the Trustee/Student Relations Committee. I went there with all the preconceived notions instilled by second- and thirdhand information as well as just the bare facts we read: tuition hikes, bans on students in their regular meetings and their ignorance of the parking problem.

They are the ones who sit on the ominous west side of the stadium where it is rumored that they each have a line to the football coach and can call plays any time they like. Eye witnesses of this are scarce as most students believe that they will be vaporized if they dare

to travel west of the end zone seating. When we look at them with this perspective, that is all we are going to see; the monsters who indiscriminately bleed our life savings in return for an education.

And for those who have no capacity for understanding it's just as well; they aren't going to change their minds unless the board decides that every student should get breakfast in bed, a chauffeur driven Daihatsu to take

As for the rest of us, we should put ourselves in their shoes. If you were on the board,

how would you handle it? There are a million things that students want you to do to make their education at TCU more fulfilling. And then you have the benefactors of the school, who are usually fairly well removed from the immediate concerns of the current students, wondering how the board is spending their contributions and adjusting the amount each year accordingly.

They are caught between two groups who are generally at opposite ends of the issues and have the difficult task to find a solution somewhere in between that we can all live with.

I talked a few of these board members last night and realized that they are just people who are trying to maintain and be fair to the school. I'm sure most of them have a very high opportunity cost on their time; they have lots of other things they could be doing. But the members donate this time every semester to try to see if they can't help administrate this university. It's a job that few would enjoy as it has no monetary compensation and it receives very little appreciation.

The "right thing" to do will never be the same in the eyes of all; each has his or her own perspective from which he or she sees the alternatives. The trustees don't give us everything we want, but neither did my parents when I lived at home. I like to think I'm a better person for it.

Some of the student gripes are very legitimate; more parking and better food service would make this a much more user friendly

Just remember that the Board of Trustees is not your fairy godmother. They don't grant wishes. They try to be reasonable. Let's hope everyone in life is as concerned

Clay Gaillard is a junior English major.

about our well-being.

News

Dorm olympics include facial hair race and no-vomit rule

By SARAH YOEST TCU Daily Skiff

Atlanta may have the Summer 1996 Olympics, but TCU is hosting its own fourth annual Tom Brown

Forget synchronized swimming. Or gymnastics. Forget track and field. Tomrades will be competing for medals in true tests of endurance such as the Paper Airplane Throw, Fast Facial Hair, Marshmallow Mouth-Stuffing and Nerf Pig.

"It's really fun," said hall president and Tom Brown Olympiad Commissioner Jason Kinsey. "It gets people out and gets people competing. They have the chance to match intellects and do things that people don't normally do on a week night."

This year's Olympiad consists of 35 events, and Kinsey said he hopes to see 1,000 people participate in the

events. Last year's contest had 30 events, with 937 participants. Each time a person competes in an event, that participation is counted as one

The Tom Brown Olympiad has won the residence hall regional programming awards for the past two years, Kinsey said.

"It started out as an excuse to put a bunch of programs together and blossomed into the highlight of the Tom Brown programming year," he

And it's cheap, too. Kinsey said last year's Olympiad cost \$37.85. That's 38 cents per resident.

The Olympiad pits each section of the residence hall's three sections against each other. By 5 p.m. Thursday, section B was leading the race with 120 points. Section A had 100, and section C was a close second

Gold, silver and bronze medals are awarded in each event. Golds are worth 15 points, silvers are worth 10 and bronzes are worth 5.

"What really makes it spectacular is it gets people to participate who don't normally participate in hall programming," Kinsey said. "You get to see people you've never seen before come out to cheer on their Tomrade section brothers.'

Tom Brown was originally constructed as an athletic dorm and was divided into three sections for three sports — football, basketball and baseball. Today the walls which divided the dormitory into three sections are gone, but the divisions remain to accommodate hall programming and resident assistant

Kinsey said the average number of participants at each event is around 40, which is just under 40 percent of

Kinsey and the hall council added several new events to this year's Olympiad agenda. Ultimate Frisbee was conducted for the first time Tuesday night as Tomrades gathered on the lawn between Frog Fountain and the dorm to toss and tackle.

Monday night featured a changed event: the Drinking Game. Last year, Kinsey said, contestants drank ketchup and mustard in their quest for the gold. This year, contestants guzzled 2-liter bottles of carbonated beverages. The winning time: 57 sec-

"There is a 10-minute no-vomit rule," Kinsey said. "That's how our bronze medalist was disqualified."

A Spades Tournament is another new event. Preliminary rounds in "the card game of kings" were held Tuesday night. Final rounds were held last night at 11 p.m.

mallow Mouth Stuffing, where Tomrades stuffed their faces with marshmallows and tried to say "Chubby Bunny." Later that night was Nerf Pig, where residents competed in an abridged version of the basketball game "Horse." Horse took too long to spell out, Kinsey said.

Thursday night featured Gluttony, where residents headed down Berry Street to Colonial Cafeteria to eat as much food as was humanly possible in one hour. Kinsey said the event was held in honor of Hunger Week.

Small Candy Projectile takes place tonight at 9. In this new event, residents will spit M&M's at targets like styrofoam cups and bowls. The spit fest will be followed at 10 p.m. by the Sit-A-Thon. Tomrades will head to the lobby of Colby Hall residence hall to sit throughout the night.

Last year's Sit-A-Thon took place ceremonies and cookout.

Wednesday night included Marsh- in Sherley Hall's lobby. Contestants sat in the lobby for 18 hours watching movies and playing Monopoly. Six residents were finally declared the winners at 4 p.m. the next day.

"Many (Tom Brown) residents do come out for these events because bragging rights are very important in this hall," Kinsey said.

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The weekly Tom Brown princesses were not neglected this week, despite the Olympiad. Tuesday night brought the Babe Pantheon: each Tomrade was encouraged to bring his own personal goddess to reign over the Olympiad proceedings. Each goddess earned one point for the section in which her god lives.

All TCU students are welcome to witness the events of the Olympiad. The festivities end at 5 p.m. Sunday with an awards presentation, closing

MORE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Christians 5, Watson 1

Dennis Watson has done it again. Yes, he's taken up his favorite activity of Christian-bashing. He seems to lump all Christians together as a single non-think-

What's wrong here is that Christians, as a whole, aren't like that at all. We all have our own opinions about the world and our place in it. For example, I, like Dennis Watson, agree with William Pritchard of Southlake Carroll High School that prayer is inappropriate in public school pep rallies. In fact, a fair number of Christians would also agree.

But instead of making a point about freedom of speech (and from speech), Dennis took cheap stabs at Christians by making broad generalizations about what "they" believe. I realize that Dennis writes his columns to purposely mock and provoke other people, but I wish that he would take a bit of his own philosophy and not push his own personal non-beliefs on the rest of us.

Chris McAdams senior, chemistry

Nonconformity does pay

Nonconformity is far from out. To treat nonconformity as simply a matter of growing long hair and wearing a Red Hot Chilimaking machine T-shirt is to offend the free-thinking individuals who truly live a life that is unconventional to most, yet it does expose the hollowness of those who conform to nonconfor-

TCU is synonymous with conformity, which is hardly a news flash to anyone who spends even a day

on our campus. I must agree with Andy Grieser when he says that being a nonconformist does not pay - at

TCU that is true. I know all about being an outcast. My freshman year I sported dredlocks that were dyed a spectrum of rainbo-brite colors, and I was cut off like the plague. It's funny because I almost gave into the easy way out, which would have been to cut them off and follow the herd over the cliff. The hair is gone now, but not because I sold myself out; anyone who wouldn't give me the time then is hardly worth my time anyway.

The microcosm of TCU shouldn't bring you down, Andy. Spend a weekend in Austin, or any multicultural melting pot, and you'll encounter life, purpose, dream and diversity, instead of witnessing the endless pursuit of image without substance.

Andy, you're wrong to say that nonconformity doesn't pay. I'm paid every morning I wake up and I can't be compared to anyone else in the world.

Glenn Pistoll

sophomore, environmental science

Christians 5, Watson 2

I would like to commend Dennis Watson's editorial on William Pritchard's defense of our constitution in a court of law. I am sorry that people chose to give you crackpot psychological evaluations, criticize you for your support of legal protest and recommend you leave this school.

Not all of us at TCU are childish, close-minded and fearful individuals. As I'm sure you realize, you're not alone in your opinions.

William Eckert sophomore, English

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band played tunes such as "Achy, Breaky Lungs" and "Deep In the Heart of Texas."

Fort Worth also focused on keeping kids away from tobacco with a "Kick the Butt Mini .05K" in which youths kicked makeshift cigarette packs in a race at the All Saints Hospital's cardiac rehabilitation and fit-

"Adults usually know what consequences are," said Jim McLean, Fort Worth Smokeout chairman. "We want to encourage kids not to start at

In Houston, Memorial Hospital Southwest smokeout participants were trying their luck at throwing cigarette packs through a basketball hoop to win prizes. Meanwhile, Methodist Hospital was scheduled to offer free spirometer tests, which measure lung capacity. Organizers hoped to show smokers that nonsmokers are better breathers.



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Despite the polls Picks still No. 1

It's getting to be that time of year. bath from the fans in response. The time our eyes begin to mist with anticipation. Anticipation of the last installment of the Prognosticator a mere two weeks away. Hate to see the final Frog game is this weekend. Will have to find a new whipping boy for the next couple of days. Have to admit that even with all the frustration the Frogs have had this season, the team's play the past three weeks has been dramatically improved. And irritatingly entertaining for the Frog faithful. Entertaining in the fact that we have played close, exciting games, but irritating in that somehow TCU has managed to lose two games we should have won.

The less said about TCU's loss to Texas Tech last Saturday the better. Have seen the Mavericks play better defense than the Frogs did in the final 49 seconds. Had the Skiff chalk board out on the sideline mapping out with the Lariots how we were going to take out the campus police and get the goalposts down. Had to scratch that idea real quick. TCU coaches said they had the right defense called. Maybe it was the right defense if you're trying to lose your job. Heard Auburn is looking for some defensive coaches.

Did you here about the Tech fan who fell out of the stands during the game? Come on, it's not that embarrassing to lose to TCU. There are better ways of taking out your frustrations than jumping out of the

If you want to see some real blood, just go see a Fort Worth Fire hockey game. Better fighting at the Fire games than in the Riddick Bowe-Evander Holyfield fight. Have been to two games and seen five or six fights already. Against Tulsa on Wednesday, an Oiler player threw a ladder into the stands after being same record as the Frogs with all the ejected from the game. Got a beer close games they've had. This is a that TCU's history of play in College

Always plenty of beer to go around at a Fire game. No 10 p.m. curfew for the breweries at the hockey rink. Are you listening Texas Rangers? And you wonder why your attendance is so low besides the fact that you're out of the pennant race by June. Rangers lost outfielder Kevin Reimer in Tuesday's major league expansion draft. Just one more strange move by the "St"rangers front office. Look for the Rangers to battle Florida and Colorado next year in the race for which team can start planning their postseason vacation plans first.

Guess what? It's almost Thanksgiving. Yes, that means that the TCU football season is almost finally over. It also means that the UT-A&M football game is only a week away, so we won't have to wait much longer to see which SWC putz gets to go get blown out in the Cotton Bowl by Florida State or Notre Dame or Syracuse or whoever the Cotton Bowl can bribe into playing in Dallas on New Year's Day.

Before we get to the picks, need to congratulate sports writer Rick Waters on 7-2-1 record last week on Purple Prognosticator picks that left him a mere game behind front-runner Billy Hatfield with 30 games to play. Hatfield's magic number is down to 28 for clinching the title. By the way, isn't that about how many games behind sports editor Greg Riddle is.

On to those picks:

The Colleges: TCU at Texas A&M - Don't envy the Frogs. After heartbreaker against Tech, have to turn around and play an Aggies team that is fuming after being passed in the polls by Florida State, despite a 10-0 record. Poor Aggies. Just face it, you're overrated. A&M could easily have about the

ROGNOSTICATOR

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Greg Riddie last week: 5-4-1 overall: 52-44-4	Texas A&M	Texas Tech	Baylor	Stanford	Syracuse	New Mexico	Ohio State	N.Y. Giants	Miami	New Orleans
Ty Benz last week: 4-5-1 overall: 57-39-4	Texas A&M	Texas Tech	Texas	Stanford	Miami	Colorado St.	Michigan	Philadelphia	Miami	New Orleans
Alan Droll last week: 5-4-1 overall: 59-37-4	TCU	Texas Tech	Baylor	Stanford	Miami	Colorado St.	Michigan	Philadelphia	Houston	New Orleans
Rick Waters last week: 7-2-1 overall: 61-35-4	Texas A&M	Texas Tech	Texas	Stanford	Miami	New Mexico	Michigan	Philadelphia	Houston	New Orleans
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team that almost lost to Stanford, LSU, Missouri, Texas Tech and Baylor. And they think they deserve to be No. 4 in the nation? Give me a break.

Speaking of breaks, isn't that the one word TCU probably remembers from last year's frozen massacre game played against the Aggies in Fort Worth? Suggest Kyle McPherson wear heavy armor around his jaw. The blow he took from Quentin Coryatt would have laid out a whale. And the Frog QB's must have felt like American battleships at Pearl Harbor after three hours of Aggie defenders dive bombing on them.

Two possible scenarios for this one. First, TCU continues the inspired play of the last three weeks and puts a holy scare into the Aggies. Or second, TCU gets drilled from every conceivable direction by an A&M crew that wants to show the nation (actually, only 7 percent of the ABC viewing audience gets this gem. The other half gets No. 1 Miami at No. 8 Syracuse. Glad we missed that stinker!) and the voters they should be No. 3. Have an erie feeling

Station, coupled with A&M mission to impress the world, will result in the latter. A&M 30, TCU 14.

Houston at Texas Tech - Will there be any defense in this one? That is the question. Will probably be more points in this one than when the two teams get together for basketball. John Jenkins and Spike Dykes both flunked defensive football school. Guess they took the phrase "the best defense is a good offense" literally. A good offense is something both of these teams definitely have. Houston leads the nation in total offense and lit up the Aggies for 30 points on national television last Thursday. Dykes must be having nightmares about what how the Cougars will devour his defense that is 88th in the nation in total defense. When you think of the Tech offense, one word comes to mind. Lloyd Hill. Frog fans know all too well about Mr. Hill. Hill did everything against TCU but order a pizza from Dominos while the defense was on the field. Guess he didn't have time, since Tech's offense was always on the field. Texas Tech 53 Houston 50.

Miami at Syracuse - Hurricanes already dreaming of staying in Miami for the Holidays and kicking the heck out of the winner of the Big-Eight in the Orange Bowl. Too bad Syracuse is going to be The Grinch that stole Miami's Christmas with an upset in the Carrier Dome. 'Canes secondary will get blown away by Quadry "The Missile" Ismail. thoughts of national title that are dancing in the heads of the hurricanes will blow up in their faces. Syracuse 20 Miami 19.

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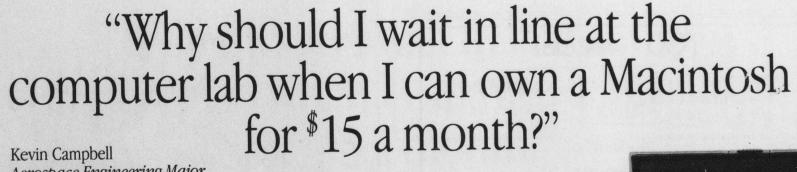
Houston at Miami - Oilers praying nobody lays a hand on QB Cody Carlson now that Warren Moon is out for three to six weeks. If Carlson goes down, Houston will be running the option with backup Bucky Richardson at the helm. Guess that would kind of emphasize the run in the run-and-shoot offense. Dolphins coming off Monday night loss to Buffalo. Oilers make it two in a row. Houston 23 Miami 20.

Dallas at Phoenix - Quick, someone do the Heimlich Maneuver. The NFC East is choking. All five teams

lost last week. The Cowboys loss to the Rams is the hardest to understand. Who was Troy Aikman throwing to on the last play of the game? Casper the Friendly Ghost? Closest players were two Ram defenders. Won't be easy for Dallas to bounce back either. Phoenix has been playing as well as anyone in the NFL the last few weeks, although they lost to the Falcons last week. If the Cardinals can keep a quarterback healthy for a whole game, they could give the Cowboys a good game. Timm Rosenbauch and Chris Chandler have spent more time in the hospital than the TCU football team did after last year's game with A&M. Cowboy fans are giving Jimmy Johnson a standing ovation this week for replacing Issac "Give me some butter for my burnt toast" Holt with Kevin "No I'm not really worth \$5 million" Smith in the secondary. Cowboys secondary made Ram QB Jim Everett look like Roger Staubach in his prime. Hopefully it was just a one game mirage. Emmitt Smith gets back on track for his 2,000-yard season. Dallas 27 Phoenix 17.



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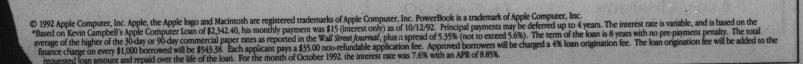


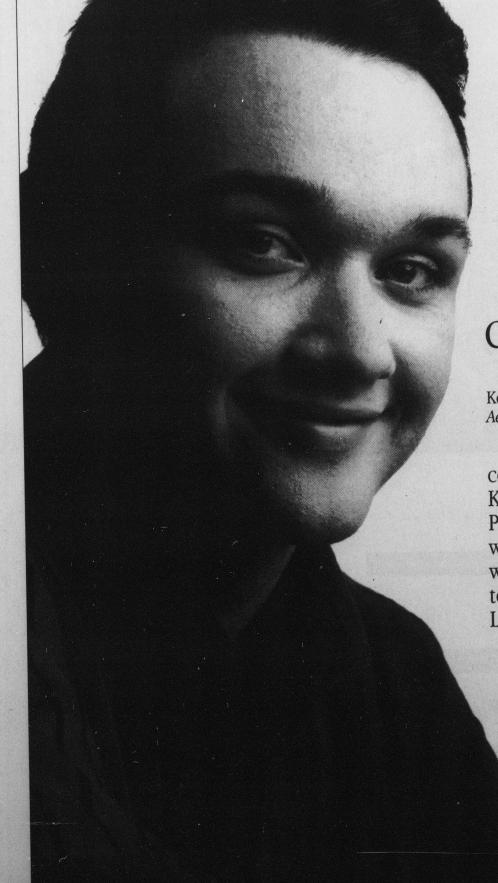
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FOOTBALL FOCUS

Frogs look to gig Aggies' national title hopes

By RICK WATERS TCU Daily Skiff

The ghosts of November past haven't been kind to the TCU Horned Frogs.

Last year, No. 12 Texas A&M crushed TCU 44-7 on ESPN, injuring several players and leaving the Frogs nursing their wounds and pondering what might have been.

A year later a similar stage is set. Again in front of a national television audience, the No. 4, national championship-seeking Aggies (10-0) host an improving 2-7-1 Horned Frog team Saturday at Kyle Field in College Station.

The Frogs are reeling from a disappointing 31-28 shootout with the Texas Tech Red Raiders.

The Frogs saw a second consecutive November victory slip away as Lloyd Hill answered the Texas Tech prayers, catching a Hail Mary pass with just three ticks left on the clock.

TCU head coach Pat Sullivan laments the outcome, but sees the loss as building character.

"Well, we've had some really disappointing games where we've been close, and the team's attitude and character has been great all year," Sullivan said. "I think that if we play to the best of our ability, we will do fine out there. We'll just have to see how things go."

It won't be easy for TCU. the frogs will stare a 19-year losing streak to the Aggies in the face as they take the field in College Station, where the haven't won in their last nine tries.

The Frogs' last trip to Kyle Field resulted in a 56-10 thumping. But Sullivan simply shrugs off

the dubious distinctions.

"I think we need to have a change in our attitude approaching a game like this," Sullivan said. "If we play hard and to the best of our ability, it shouldn't make a difference."

Sullivan's method may just work. The Frogs erased 25 years of frustration two weeks ago in a stirring 23-14 victory over the Texas Longhorns, no doubt helping TCU's upcoming recruiting efforts.

Again Sullivan takes the victory in stride and indicates there is more to TCU football than a lone win over Texas.

"TCU has a lot more to offer than just one win," Sullivan said. "We are the only school in the conference that has a grass field; we offer a quality education and a warm environment for players."

Although TCU was routed the last time it appeared on national TV, Sullivan said the Frogs will play as they always have. The presence of ABC at the game doesn't matter to his team.

"It doesn't matter if there are two people watching or a national television audience," he said. "We want to be able to look at ourselves in the mirror and be satisfied with our performance and keep our heads held high.'

The Frogs have had their heads held high on offense lately. They have begun to find themselves, putting an average of 32 points on the board the last three games.

But TCU may find reaching the end zone harder with the Aggie "Wrecking Crew" on the prowl.

"A&M has an outstanding defense," Sullivan said. "Whatever mistakes they were making at the beginning of the year, they have



TCU Daily Skiff/ Aimee Herring

Freshman quarterback Max Knake will attempt to lead the Frogs to an upset of No. 4 Texas A&M Saturday in front of a national television audience. Knake threw two late fourth quarter touchdown passes to Jimmy Oliver in TCU's 31-28 loss to Texas Tech last week.

corrected. They are just solid all over. I don't see any weaknesses."

The "Wrecking Crew" is led by Butkus Award candidate Marcus Buckley, who has recorded 59 tackles and caused and recovered three fumbles.

Careless turnovers will be easily exploited by A&M's powerful defense. And Sullivan knows it.

"We can't afford to turn the ball

over on offense," he said. "We are not talented enough to make mistakes and comeback against Texas A&M. We want to keep them offbalance with a combination of running and passing."

Unfortunately, the Frogs haven't utilized the opportunities the defense has given the offense, but Sullivan remains patient.

"We haven't converted the

turnovers we've forced the last couple of games and it's hurt us," Sullivan said. "Hopefully, we will continue to get the turnovers and be able to put the points on the board."

The Frogs will be happy to wel-

come back quarterback Leon Clay, who left the Tech game early in the fourth quarter with a hip pointer.

Freshman Max Knake entered and dazzled the crowd with a pair of

touchdowns. Both quarterbacks are slated to play.

"Leon Clay is healthy and will start," Sullivan said. "But Max Knake will also play."

On defense, the Frogs must find a way to stop the one-two punch of the Aggies backfield combination of Greg Hill and Rodney Thomas.

"We've just got to get five shirts on them every time if we're going to stop Hill and Thomas," Sullivan

The key to the Frogs controlling the Aggies potent offense is corralling A&M's backfield.

The Aggies also seem to have overcome their quarterbacking problems by replacing Jeff Granger with freshman Corey Pullig.

It is no secret the Aggies have an advantage playing at Kyle Field, home of the "12th Man." Texas A&M is 43-3-1 the last eight years.

But Sullivan sees the experience as another step towards building a contender in the SWC race. The Frogs won't be backing down.

"I think it is going to be a motivating thing for the team," Sullivan said. "If you have a competitive bone in your body, then you are going to want to play in that kind of environment. Playing Miami in the Orange Bowl was hostile, but we weren't intimidated. And we won't be intimidated there, either."

Sullivan would like to see the seniors end their final season with a positive feeling.

"If we win this game, that will make two (victories) for November," he said. "That would be more than we've had in the last five years combined and that's a tribute to our coaches and players."



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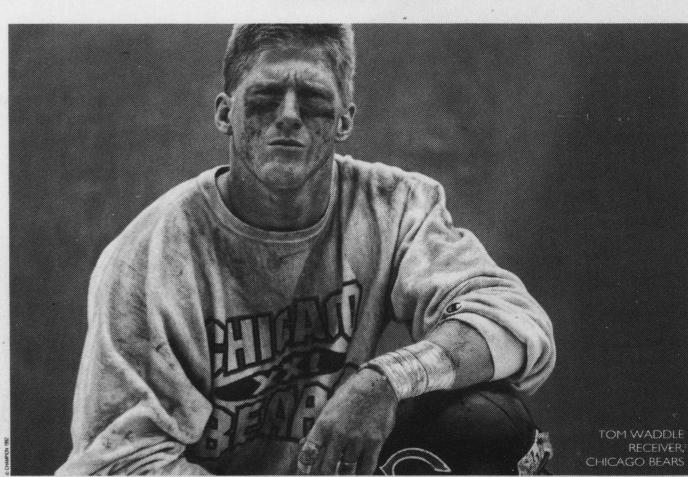
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Home found for basset hound through photograph in paper

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A dog recently seen running around campus has been adopted by Llisa Hannah, associate director of the bookstore.

The dog, pictured on the front taken by several students to the Humane Society.

"I saw the picture in the Skiff so I gave the Humane Society a call," she said. "I told them that if they can't find the family that owns the basset, to give me a call and that I will take him."

Hannah said she and another lady who works at the bookstore tried to find the dog's owner.

"We checked the signs around the neighborhood, and checked the lost-and-found in the papers," she said. "We couldn't find them (the owners of the dog), and the Humane Society called. I just couldn't see such a beautiful animal put to sleep, so I took him in."

In addition to her newly-adopted basset, Hannah said she owns another basset and two labradors. Hannah's family and their pets live on a 20-acre spread outside of Fort knows the word 'no."

"We named him (the new dog) Roosevelt, after the president," she said. "We already had a female basset named Eleanor, after the first lady, so we just decided to name him Roosevelt."

page of the Skiff on Nov. 6, was to his new home, he still needs a little time, Hannah said.

> Society, he is just over a year old, so he still has a lot of puppy left in him," she said. "Right now we keep him in our enclosed back yard until he gets used to everything. The other dogs just run around on the 20 acres and chase everything. But they're all neutered and everything, so there's nothing to worry

"They eat a lot," she said. "The dogs consume 40 pounds of dog

When asked what the dogs do, Hannah said besides eating, they are good watchdogs.

"Roosevelt knows how to clean his plate up, and he knows how to sleep and run around," she said. "He's still a puppy, so he acts like one. He knows to stay down and he

Hannah said as much as she likes Roosevelt, if the family who owns him shows up, the dog can go back with them. She said she feels sorry for the family that raised him.

"It tears my heart out to think that there is a family out there that Although Roosevelt is adjusting misses him," she said. "It's really sad to think that there's a kid somewhere that has raised him since he "According to the Humane was a pup and not to have him any-

"He is a beautiful dog, well-fed, you can tell that he was never abused or anything," she said. "I just hate to see a kid miss him for a day. If we find the family, they have to prove who they are. Of course, it will be hard to see him go, but I would give him back to the owners."

Hannah said she has never adopted a dog before, and if it wasn't for the Skiff, she would not have adopted Roosevelt.

"Without the Skiff, I would never have thought that Roosevelt was a homeless dog," she said. "'Cause I had seen him running around campus, you know, and I just assumed that it was a student's dog since students bring their dogs to campus all the time.'



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Blair Woodell (center) tries to convince Chris Woodhouse to donate money to keep Susan Batchelor (left) in the Hunger Week Jail.

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rehydration packs that were talked about on Tuesday, we could save 36,825 lives."

The committee likes to donate the money to organizations that cite ending hunger as their specific purpose, Turner said. She said they look for organizations that have low overhead

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tries to donate to local, national and international organizations.

Turner also said the committee

Butler said he wished more people had taken part in the event.

"It is fun and it is a way to help other people," he said. "We appreciate the gifts of the people from the community."

Butler said the big item of the night was the Indian dinner offered by Anantha Babbili, chairman of the department of journalism. Instead of offering just one dinner, Babbili will host three dinners, Butler said.

Babbili's dinners brought in a total of \$760 dollars, Butler said.

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"If that person can afford \$5,000 to pay for health insurance then they should look into the individual health insurance plans. They can get a high deductible," she said. "But if they don't have \$5,000 to pay for health insurance and they have a catastrophic accident that costs \$60,000, they need coverage to protect them from expensive medical bills."

"These graduates might want to take responsibility for the small things themselves, and leave the big things to the insurance company,'

President-elect Bill Clinton put his health care plans in the forefront throughout the election, Hallam said. Clinton wanted his health insurance plan to benefit more people, but the cost of medical care insurance will not go down, she said.

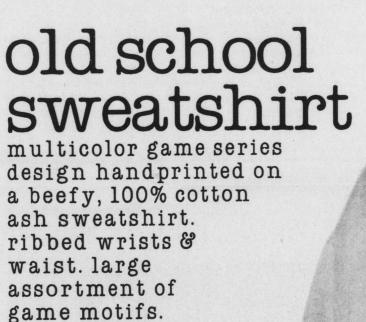
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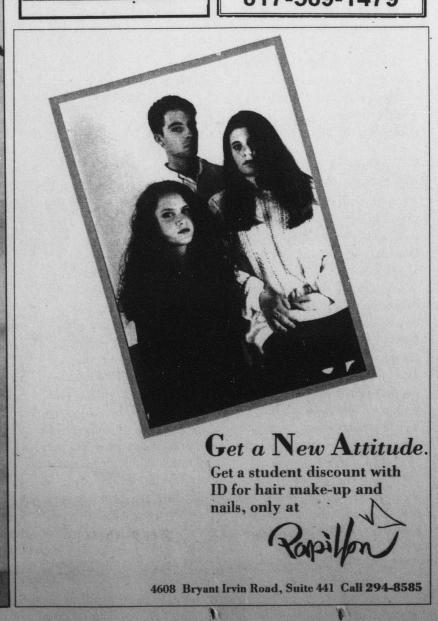
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Cartoonist's life basically luck of the draw

By SARAH YOEST TCU Daily Skiff

When Lynn Johnston began drawing "For Better or For Worse" 13 years ago, the title of her successful comic strip described her attitude about a cartooning career. It was just one outlet for her natural talents.

Being a cartoonist, Johnston said, is "not something you decide on. It's something you naturally do because you have a flair for theatre and a silly streak."

Although she started her cartooning career at the tender age of 10 drawing place settings for a teacher's dinner, Johnston said she has not always been a cartoonist. Throughout the years, she's worked in television and as a textbook illustrator.

Her "For Better or For Worse" career was born, oddly enough, with the help of an obstetrician.

Before Johnston had her first child, she worked as a medical illustrator at Toronto's MacMaster Medical School. The school paid for her to take the first year of medical school courses to learn how the human body worked so she could illustrate slides and text books. Johnston attended lectures and participated in dissections to learn

what the human body and its parts look like. While Johnston was working at MacMaster, she met an obstetrician who asked her to do illustrations of childbirth techniques like Lamaze. When she became pregnant with her first child, Johnston turned to that obstetrician.

"I did 80 drawings for the ceilings and walls of the examining room," she said. If the doctor was going to make patients wait on the examining table for an hour, she reasoned, they might as well have something

Each time Johnston returned for a checkup, she brought more drawings for her doctor. That doctor helped her find a publisher for her first book, "David, We're Pregnant." Today she has published 15

"David, We're Pregnant" was, and still is, a hit with families in the United States and in Canada. The book's success caught

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parenting. I didn't mind saying I couldn't handle my kids," she said. "People appreciate the truth and appreciate humor in the

But her strips are very loosely based on her family, Johnston said.

"I can't follow my family around and ask them to be interesting," she said. Besides, her two children are much older than

form," she said. "But I'm not offended by that. It tells me that they trust me."

If her children read the strip every day, Johnston said, she would feel as if they were checking up on her to see what the "old lady" had said about them.

"For Better or For Worse" isn't intended to portray what Johnston feels about family values, she said.

"The strip almost writes itself. I can't gauge where it's going," she said. Anytime she tells someone what will happen with the strip, she said, it never comes through. Either the idea doesn't work on paper or Johnston comes up with something new.

Unlike fellow Canadian Garry Trudeau, who draws the comic strip "Doonesbury," Johnston doesn't try to evoke any controversy over her strips.

"Very rarely do my things ever evoke controversy," she said. "I don't have that kind of thick skin to handle the controversy. Now and then I get a raving feminist saying Ellie (the mother in FBOFW) should cut her hair or get a better

That's not to say that the details and issues of her strips go unnoticed. A recent strip angered American hygienists and generated hate mail by showing a dental hygienist working on a patient without wearing protective gloves.

"In Canada, wearing gloves is a matter of choice, while in the States it's a law," Johnston said. "I didn't know that, being a Canuck."

Dental hygienists' gloves are intended to reduce the risk of AIDS dentists and hygienists face each time they encounter blood and saliva in patients'

"I was going for the punch line, 'It's better to have gloved and flossed than to never have gloved at all," she said. "I thought that was rich."

Johnston realizes she may anger readers once it's time for the family's grandparents or Farley, the family dog, to die, but she insists that something that must be done.

"The strip is based on reality," she said. "I don't want to have the oldest dog in car-

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the interest of the syndicates, who had seen the success of Cathy Guiseweite's "Cathy" and were interested in female cartoonists.

"The syndicate liked the fact that a woman was doing family humor from a woman's point of view," Johnston said. In recent years, more female cartoonists have jumped on the bandwagon with strips about their families and the problems they encounter.

Johnston attributes her strip's success to the fact that many women share her concerns and circumstances.

"I didn't mind saying I couldn't handle

Michael, the 16-year-old, and Elizabeth, the junior high student of "For Better or For Worse.'

"My kids have both been thoroughly affected" by the strip, she said. When her son moved away to college, he didn't tell anyone his mother is "the lady who draws 'For Better or For Worse."

"The biggest problem kids have is when their parents are public property," she said. Johnston's 19-year-old son and 15-year-old daughter don't even read her strips in the paper, she said.

"They wait until it comes out in book

dren and it's a very happy and positive situ-Johnston has been doing the strip for 13 years, but she's still not sure exactly where

it's going.

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"The purpose of the strip is to keep me

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Although her comic strip is enjoyed by

"I certainly wouldn't get out there," she

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said. "I have a brother-in-law who is gay,

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Fang-tastic

Film version of horror classic frightens and entertains

By RACHEL BROWN TCU Daily Skiff

It is bloodier than the tale of Romeo and Juliet and more sinister than "Beauty and the Beast," but "Bram Stoker's Dracula" is really just a love story.

Academy Award-winning director Francis Ford Coppola has assembled an impressive cast to play out the film version of Bram Stoker's 1897 epic novel. Coppola approaches the movie with more passion than people usually associate with the legends of

ary Oldman, notable for his Trole as Lee Harvey Oswald in "JFK," plays Dracula. Actually, Oldman has many roles, as the infamous vampire takes several forms throughout the film, including a wolf, a winged creature, a young prince and a 400-year-old man.

The film chronicles the life of Transylvanian prince Dracula. He is a noble 15th century warrior who becomes the epitome of lasting evil after a tragedy destroys his personal

From that point, Coppola moves the story ahead four centuries. Dracula and several others are becoming players in various supernatural games and reincarnations, or, as Dracula likes to call them, acts of "destiny."

The scenes go back and forth from Transylvania to England. Dracula is buying a large amount of property in London, so businessman Jonathan Harker (Keanu Reeves) goes to Transylvania to meet him. It seems the first man working with Dracula couldn't quite close the deal and is now in a London asylum, frequently screaming about his "master" and "blood." Hmmm . . .

Harker's visit and comments about fiancee Mina create a whole new series of plans for Dracula. Suffice it to say Harker's trip does not

Back in jolly old England, strange

things begin to happen. Mina Murray Lecter ("Silence of the kins comes up with a few great one-(Winona Ryder) becomes the object Lambs"). He is liners, but that's about all. Oldman of some unwanted attention from the wondelivers a few puns that are trite young Prince Dracula, who and amateurish. For instance, believes he has seen when Harker arrives in Transylvania, Dracula tells the young Londoner he can see that he (Harker) is a man of "good The majority of the special effects are good, but a few scenes are overdone. It is as if Coppola wants to showcase as many devices as possible to make sure the audience is impressed. The superimposition where of a pair of eyes is before. chilling, but it Mina loses its effect the and the second or third prince develop a r a m unique rela-Stoker tionship while meta-"Dracula" is physicist Dr. gory and Van Helsing suspense-(Anthony Hopful, to be kins) tries to pinsure. But point the cause of the ner-Mina's friend Lucy's sudden, violent illness. The characters move further and further away from

"Bram Stoker's Dracula" are the performances. Oldman shows why the Dracula character has intrigued people for decades: he is simultaneously frightening and alluring. Oldman's Dracula repulses viewers, yet is charming and often elegant.

Topkins shakes off any threat of being typecast in his now-I famous role as Hannibal

their normal lives and

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Mina (Winona Ryder) and Dracula (Gary Oldman) share an embrace in "Bram Stoker's Dracula." experi-Mina (Winona Ryder) and Dracula (G embrace in "Bram Stoker's Dracula." ences is greatly surpassed by fascination. Excellent costuming, elaborate sets and dedicated actors make this a deeply senderful as the sual and entertaining film. eccentric, knowledgeable -Columbia Pictures is calling Van Helsing, who has studied vam-

"Bram Stoker's Dracula" a haunting, pires and has vowed to fight Dracula. tortured love story. The promotional . Ryder's best scenes come in the posters bear the slogan "Love never film's climax, when she sheds her dies." Judging from the hype about prim and proper schoolteacher role in this film, neither does our thirst for favor of a more lustful character. There is some humor in the film, Dracula.

powerful history lesson, but plot needs muscle

By CHRIS WEIDNER TCU Daily Skiff

The wait is finally over. "Malcolm X" has arrived in the theaters of Fort Worth after a year-long publicity blitz that has turned the film on the martyred black activist into more than a man or a movie. "Malcolm X" has spawned a fashion trend and a whole slew of books on the man, but does it live up to the

hype? I have to admit I went into "Malcolm X" with a bad attitude. I wasn't impressed with the two movies Spike Lee had made since "Do the Right Thing", and had read the "Esquire" cover story which claimed "X" would emphasize Malcolm's early anti-white feelings over the more peaceful message he preached near his life's end.

But that isn't the case. "Malcolm X" is a powerful film that shows every aspect of this complex man's life, ending with his willingness to accept all people, no matter their race. It's three and one-half hours long and a few slow spots make you feel every minute of it, unlike "JFK" or "Dances With Wolves." But it is still a film that is well worth seeing.

"X" begins with Malcolm (Denzel Washington) in his 20s, when he was known by his birth name of Malcolm Little and indulged in everything from pimping to drinking to cocaine with his best friend, Shorty (played by Spike Lee). Malcolm thinks he's living the good life until he's arrested and sent to prison. There he receives an awakening that changes his life.

Malcolm learns about the Nation of Islam, a Muslim sect that teaches its members responsibility for their actions and demands a strict lifestyle of no drinking, profanity, sloppy or casual dress, as well as the need for strict study of theology and philosophy. But most importantly, it taught its predominantly black members to believe they were God's chosen people,

rather than the "white devils" who had always dominated them in America.

Malcolm drops his birth name of Little since it was the name given to ancestors by slave owners, and replaces it with "X" as a protest. His newfound beliefs and dramatic speaking abilities help him ascend to international notoriety, but his call for a separate black nation make him as controversial as he is famous. Soon he is being investigated and threatened, but a trip to the Islamic holy city of Mecca brings him to another dramatic

change and a fatal showdown. I came out of "Malcolm X" with a newfound respect for Spike Lee, as well as an understanding of what Malcolm X was all about. The changes in his life from the beginning to end of the film are staggering.

But Denzel Washington lives up to the challenge in the title role, giving the performance of his career while easily topping his Oscar-winning turn in "Glory." The growth from one phase of Malcolm's life to another registers in his presence onscreen.

Spike Lee has a smaller role than is usual in his films, but he still provides plenty of comic relief in the role of Shorty. But it's as the film's co-writer, and especially as director, that he really gets to shine.

The screenplay, written with Arnold Perl, is overloaded with speeches at times. Malcolm's early crime days are funny and fast-paced, however, and the prison transformation scenes are gripping. The humor used throughout makes what could have been just a history lesson

Also watch "X" for the look of the film. Its lighting mirrors the high style of "JFK", and as an added twist, it's the first film ever to be allowed to film in Mecca. The crowded pilgrimage scenes are stunning. Except for a few slow spots, so is the

Give it a B.