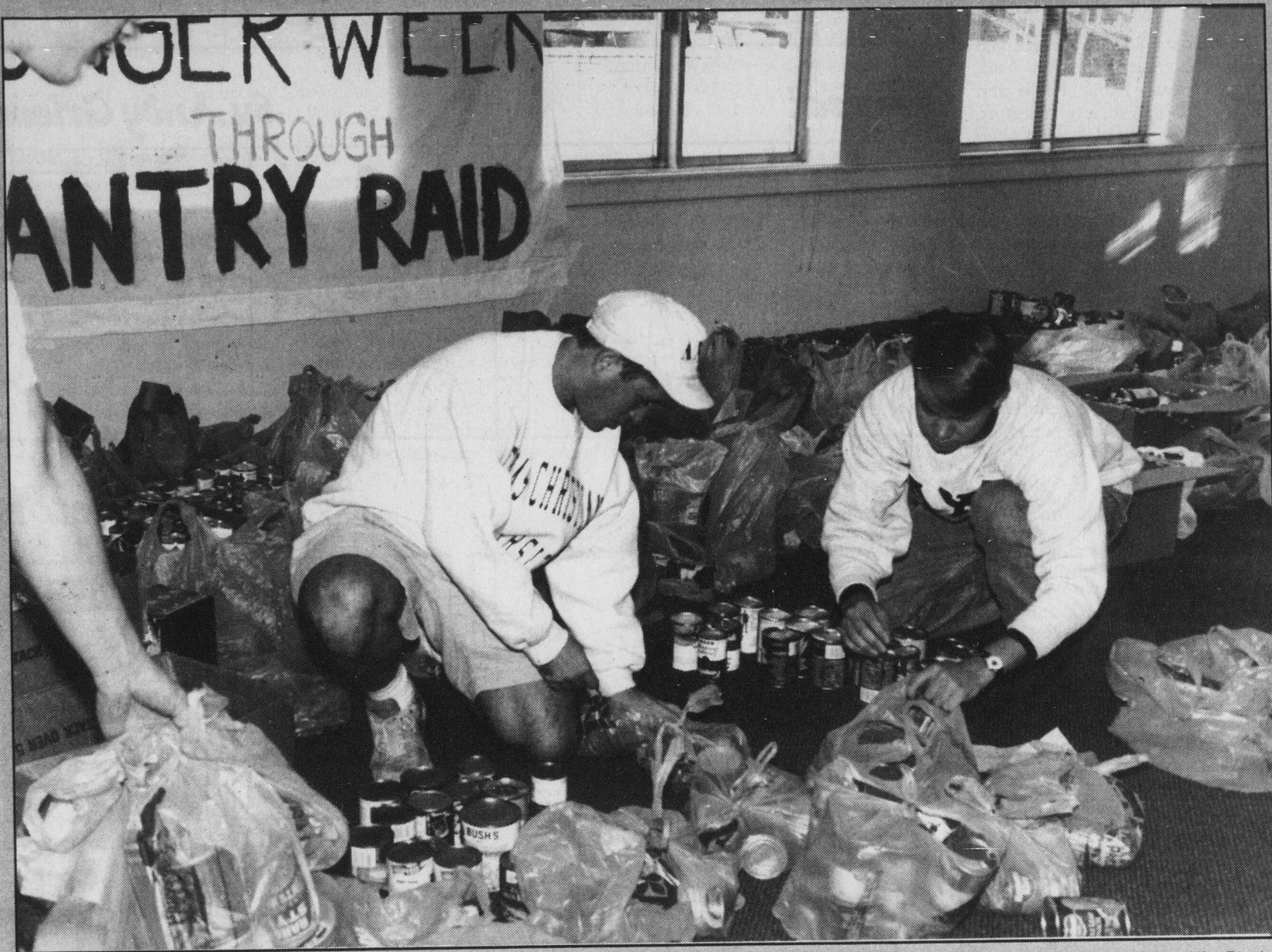


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David Murray, Lambda Chi Alpha philanthropy chairman, and Sean Keller, also a Lambda Chi, count cans for the "Pantry Raid" food drive sponsored by Chi Omega and Lambda Chi Alpha and Phi Kappa Sigma.

## Former trustee leaves university \$15 million gift

Chancellor Tucker calls institution fiscally fit despite national recession

By SARAH YOEST  
TCU Daily Skiff

A \$15 million gift left to TCU by an Amarillo alumnus and former trustee was announced Friday during the board of trustees' annual fall meeting. That gift is the third largest in TCU's 119-year history.

"We received part of it two years ago and about \$9 million this fall," said Bronson C. Davis, vice chancellor for university advancement. "There's supposedly \$2.5 million more going to come when the estate is finally settled."

The \$15 million gift comes at the bequest of B.M. and Frances Britain of Amarillo.

Mr. Britain graduated from TCU in 1924 and served as a member of the university's board of trustees from 1973 until his death in 1980. His wife Frances did not attend TCU.

The money will go into the general endowment and will be part of the university's general revenues.

The university's current endowment is at least \$325 million, Davis said. The exact amount is difficult to calculate because most of it is invested, and the value of those investments fluctuates as the market fluctuates, he said.

The actual amount of the endowment itself is not readily available to be spent. The university uses the income from those investments and from tuition and fees to finance its daily operations.

TCU does not dictate directly how its funds are to be invested, said Joe Enochs, associate vice chancellor of resource management.

The university selects investment managers who select specific programs in which the university's money can be invested.

Investments are made according to a policy defined by the board of trustees which specifies which types of investments — how much of the money may be used on equities, for example — can be made.

The amount of the gift came as a surprise to former Chancellor James M. Moudy, who met the Britains in the 1970s.

"From what they said and how

they lived, comfortably but unpretentiously, there was nothing at that time to reveal that TCU would be so favored by their generosity," Moudy said.

The university is even more fiscally fit than officials had expected, Chancellor William E. Tucker told the trustees.

A 2 percent increase in enrollment allowed TCU to set aside a \$1 million cushion for future years when enrollment is not as great.

"Just now the health of higher education in the United States, public and private, is less than robust," Tucker said. "In contrast, the record of TCU's solid if not dramatic progress has extended into the 120th year of the university."

In addition to the Britains' large gift, the board of trustees is organizing a steering committee to organize a fund-raising committee. The goal of that committee should be decided by March 1994.

The Britain gift comes at a time when the university is looking to expand its offerings by opening an engineering program and working on a master plan of campus renovations which includes massive building and landscaping.

Part of the master plan, a new building for the Ranch Management program, will be realized when the Winthrop Rockefeller Building for Ranch Management is dedicated in late January.

The building is named after Winthrop P. Rockefeller, a TCU trustee and 1974 graduate of the Ranch Management program and, after Rockefeller's father, the former governor of Arkansas.

B.M. Britain graduated from the University of Texas law school in 1927 and became an attorney in Amarillo.

During his years at TCU, Britain was manager of the 1921 baseball team. Midway through the season, the university discovered it was short of funds and could not afford to pay the baseball coach.

Britain stepped in and for the next year acted as both team coach and team manager.

## Mentor program prepares members for dealing with troubled students

By SHU XIE  
TCU Daily Skiff

The TCU Campus Mentors program helps students with problems find "natural helpers" in the university community.

The program, originally based on a secondary school program, was started by Barbara Brown Herman in the spring of 1988, said Vicky Roper, program specialist for drug and alcohol education. Funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education, the program's aim is to enhance the skills of the university's "natural helpers," Roper said.

"Each spring, we survey the student body to find out who they would turn to for help to a problem," she

said. "We then invite the top 100 students, faculty and staff for training sessions."

Roper said the program's main goals are to enhance these helpers' communications and referral skills. The sessions also try to expand the Campus Mentors' knowledge base so they know where to direct students to for additional help.

The training deals with many topics, including eating disorders, stress management, family issues and AIDS, Roper said.

"We have a weekend training session in early fall," she said. "We also have monthly brown bag lunches that give the helpers a chance to talk. And at the end of the training, they receive a certificate and a badge."

Doug Newsom, professor of journalism, said she found the training extremely helpful.

"It's made it easier to help students with their problems," Newsom said. "The training session was pretty intensive."

"We dealt with many important issues," she said. "It's made it a whole lot simpler to find resources to help the students that come to me."

Tass Shore, a senior movement science major, said Campus Mentors is an important program for the university. She said the program greatly increased her knowledge and awareness of the variety of resources available.

Shore, a Colby Hall resident assistant, said the program enables her to

serve better in her job by knowing how to deal with problems such as grieving and roommates.

"Not only has it helped me (be a better R.A.), but the program has helped me to become a better person in general," she said. "It has taught me to be more tolerant and understanding."

Both Shore and Newsom said the interaction between the students, faculty, and staff provides an opportunity to further their knowledge.

Shore said the fact that the faculty and the students can interact and are trained in the same way is very important. Newsom said she has utilized the networkings she acquired

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## The 'Shame of fur' focus of campaign by Humane Society

By ALAN PARRY  
TCU Daily Skiff

The Humane Society of the United States has launched the largest anti-fur campaign in the nation's history.

"The Shame of Fur," put into effect in 1988, brought record-low fur sales at the end of the decade, according to a Humane Society pamphlet.

During the winter of 1990-91, \$850 million in fur was sold in the United States. This was a 48 percent drop from the 1989 total of \$1.65 billion. The animals trapped for their furs in 1990-91 totaled 3.8 million, a 78 percent drop from the record year of 1986-87, when 17 million animals were trapped, the pamphlet said.

The fur industry "mirrors the retail industry," and is merely suffering the effects of the recession, the luxury tax and a series of relatively mild winters, said Carol Wynne, executive director of the Fur Information Council.

The Humane Society pamphlet, titled "Close-Up Report," predicts the winter season of 1992-93 "will mark the most critical moment in the fight against fur."

Fur sales, which were in decline, have started to come back because of

"a shrewd advertising campaign" on the part of the fur industry, the pamphlet said.

Wynne agreed that sales are coming back up, but attributed the increase to the fact that the country is starting to come out of an economic recession.

"The desire for fur products is still very strong," she said.

Fur is "a luxury of peril," said John Grandy, vice president for wildlife and habitat protection at the Humane Society of the United States.

The goal of this campaign is to "have people understand that every fur coat represents cruelty and brutality to animals," Grandy said.

"If people know the truth about fur, they will stop themselves," he said.

The Humane Society is not really interested in animal welfare because they offer no possible changes, Wynne said.

Most people do not realize the Humane Society also opposes animal research and the use of animals for food, Wynne said.

"Everyone's entitled to their freedom of choice when it comes to fur," she said.

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### METROPLEX

Today will be partly cloudy and cool with a high temperature of 56 degrees. Wednesday will be cooler with a high of 51 degrees and temperatures will continue to decrease as the week progresses.



## Houston area begins cleanup, rebuilding after tornado strikes

Associated Press

HOUSTON — The cleanup continued Monday in tornado-ravaged neighborhoods as officials tried to find ways to help victims pay for extensive repairs to their homes and businesses.

Residents and civic leaders were still trying to assess all the damage. One insurance industry group said insured losses from the tornadoes that swept through Harris County on Saturday could reach \$90 million.

Houston and Harris County officials sought immediate relief, filing a joint request Monday to have some sections declared disaster areas.

In addition, the Houston City Council met in emergency session and approved the immediate release of \$1.2 million in community development funds to help tornado victims.

Officials have estimated that about 300 homes and businesses were damaged in the city. County officials said some 900 homes sustained damage.

Several people were injured, but no deaths were reported. Tornadoes were also reported elsewhere in Southeast Texas on Saturday, but the most extensive damage occurred in Harris County.

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Southwestern estimated that insured losses throughout Harris County could reach as high as \$90 million, and Jones said the number of claims could range between 12,000 and 16,000.

But Jones also noted that a number of uninsured homes were damaged in Houston's Denver Harbor neighborhood. The area was one of the hardest hit, along with Channelview, a suburb east of Houston.

Farmers Insurance Group of Cos., the second-largest insurer, estimated that property damage for their customers would be between \$35 million and \$40 million.

Farmers' spokesman Mark Toohey said the company expects more than 3,000 property damage claims, including 100 claims from

customers whose homes were destroyed.

Toohey said the tornado damage is the worst in the Houston area since Hurricane Alicia struck in 1983. His company then paid out \$70 million in claims.

On Monday, city and county officials filed a joint request with Gov. Ann Richards seeking the disaster declaration. President Bush ultimately will decide whether to issue a declaration, which would make federal assistance available to victims.

Richards said the emergency management team was still assessing the damage.

"I feel sure we'll be hearing something in the next day about the extent and the amount of the damage," she said. "Then we will expedite that and get it to Washington as quickly as we can."

Richards said getting a disaster declaration "depends on the extent of the damage and whether it qualifies. My guess is that we probably will qualify."

"I think it is particularly sad and difficult to think that it occurs at this time of year," she added. "We are going into a festive season when families get together and my heart really goes out to them to think that at this point when families come together that many of our Texas families are suffering."

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## CAMPUSlines

**CAMPUSlines** is provided as a service to the TCU community. Announcements of events, meetings and other general campus information should be brought by the Skiff office, Moudy 291S or sent to TCU Box 32929. The Skiff reserves the right to edit for style and taste.

**Muslim Students Association** is reforming for next semester. For more information about the association, call Khalid Rayyis at 346-3606. For more information about Muslim culture, call Yushau Sadiq at 921-7440.

**The Washington Center** is sponsoring a program for college students at the 1993 Presidential Inauguration from Jan. 17 to 21, 1993. Applications are available in the Department of Political Science or by calling 1-800-486-TWCI. All TCU applications must be signed by the Washington Center Campus Liaison, Dr. Gene Alpert, 921-7395.

**Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation** TCU students interested in a career in mathematics, natural sciences, or engineering disciplines are invited to apply to the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program. The Foundation will award scholarships to students who will be juniors or seniors during the 1993-94 academic year. Deadline for applications is Feb. 5, 1993. Contact Dr. Priscilla Tate, Reed Hall Room 111 by Dec. 11.

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

**Student Video Screening** Thursday-Saturday evenings, Dec. 3-5 in Moudy 164S that includes Television Production I and Electronic Field Production final projects. Sponsored by the RTVF Department. Free to the public, for more information call 921-7630.

## 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.

## Volunteers are needed...

... At the Fort Worth Rehabilitation Hospital to help with physical rehabilitation.

... as a teacher's assistant teaching English to Vietnamese refugee children. Classes meet Friday and Saturday from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. Related experience is helpful, but not required.

... to produce a local cable TV show and edit segments on community activities in a Northeast Tarrant County community. About 10 - 12 hours a week are required.

... to be after school program leaders planning and supervising a once-a-week program for middle-school students in the Mid-cities area.

... to assist students in a classroom with education activities. These children are developmentally delayed, between the ages of 2 and 7. Must enjoy working with children, have patience, and a big smile. Available weekday.

## More Opportunities:

**Volunteers are needed** at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History store. Volunteers are needed to work three-and-a-half hour shifts on weekends. Call the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History's Volunteer Service Office at 732-1631.

**Readers are needed** to help a visually impaired master's candidate as she prepares for her thesis and oral exams; prefer readers with a knowledge of musical terms if possible; \$4.50 per hour. Call Beverly at 921-7602.

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Some examples of Humane Society advertisements are billboards, magazine ads, bus posters and radio public service announcements done by actress Loretta Swit, Grandy said.

Working in cooperation with local Humane Societies, they plan to put up billboards nationally "from the Sunset Strip to the Holland Tunnel," he said.

The Humane Society has received headline coverage in *The New York Times*, National Public Radio and ABC's "20/20," society literature said.

"It's really a variety of techniques and media that we are using to get this message across," Grandy said. The Humane Society has also used Trapping Case Reports, which document the number of nontarget animals who are caught in traps each year. According to "Close-Up Report," this information is important to cities that are trying to get trapping bans.

The Humane Society estimates about five million of these nontarget animals, domestic and wild, die in traps each year.

The Humane Society is also contributing "Fur Shame" stickers, thousands of press kits, educational packets and video documentaries to support the campaign.

The main target of the Humane Society is the steel-jaw leghold trap, which has been banned in more than 65 countries, not including the United States, according to the pamphlet.

The European community has a ban on the trap and the importation of the furs of 13 different species from countries who still use the trap, which will take effect in 1995.

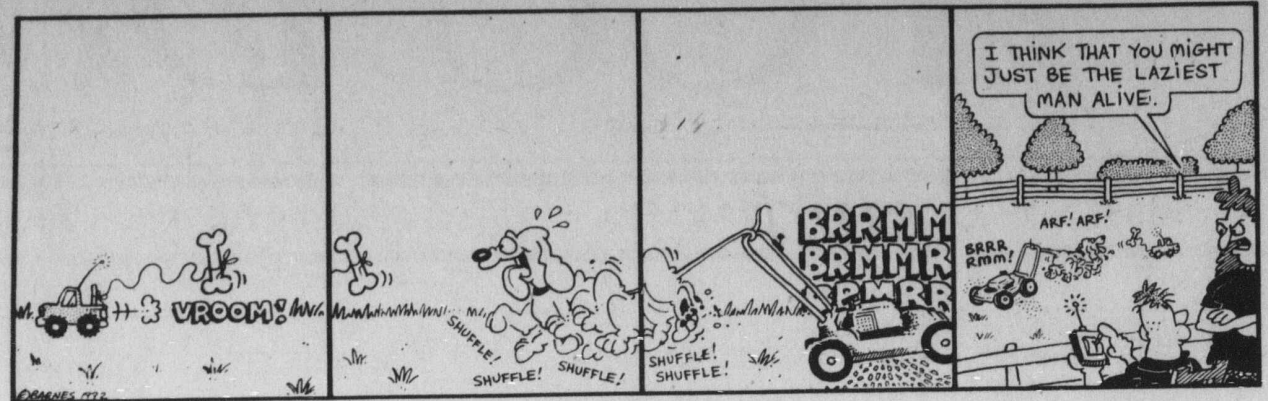
Animals mainly targeted by the leghold trap include foxes, wolves, coyotes, raccoons, bobcats, beavers, muskrats, otters, opossums and minks, but the pamphlet said endangered species such as the bald eagle also fall victim to the traps.

Wynne disputed this, saying the fur industry is strictly regulated, and it is against the law to take endangered species.

The trappers only take surplus, overpopulated animals, and the Humane Society's claims to the contrary are "unsubstantiated," Wynne said.

## Insanity Fair

by Joe Barnes



## Hemlock

by Andy Grieser



## Nigel &amp; Me

by Stev Klinetobe



## Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



## Mentor/ page 1

during the training to help several students.

"On one or two occasions, I couldn't get the resources for a specific student's problems," Newsom said. "I was able to call on a student mentor that I had met and referred my student to her. Sometimes I feel that a student should talk to someone their own age because they can relate better."

The Campus Mentors does not provide a specific list of references, Roper said. Rather, the main objective is to train the people who help students be more aware and prepared, she said.

The program should continue on its present course, Newsom said.

"The Campus Mentors is not meant to train professionals," she said. "You don't want to kill something with success."

However, even though there is no specific list of student helpers, faculty and staff mentors have a specific sign: a black and gold symbol on their office doors identifying them as campus mentors, Newsom said.

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# Opinion

## Harried students, needing a vacation quick, forget to be thankful

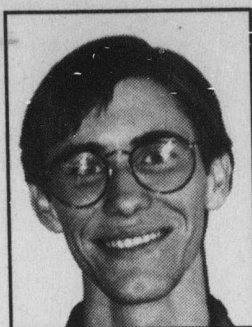
Just a few more days until that holiday we have all been waiting for. What holiday am I talking about? Should I even have to ask?

The signs of it are all around us. Look outside, look at the commercials on TV or even go to the mall. The decorations are already up, the lights are flashing, and you can almost smell the pine in the air.

The holiday, of course, I am referring to is Christmas.

What? Did you think some other holiday was rapidly approaching? It was just your imagination, but just to satisfy your curiosity let me check my calendar. Let's see here, well what do you know, Thanksgiving! Great, I could use a break right now. Well, if we hurry up and get past this, Christmas can be here before we know it and the semester done.

What's the rush? It seems that people



DAVID KINCH

look forward to Christmas and more importantly New Year for the important bowl games.

Lets face it, Christmas is more fun. Christmas means presents and loot and

today are in a hurry to get past Thanksgiving. Stores and advertisers remind us incessantly that we have only so many shopping days left till Christmas. As students we look expectantly to Christmas as the end of the semester. Football urges us to

even parties with New Year's lurking only a few days away. We definitely seem to be in a hurry to get the year over and get a fresh start.

As students we want the work to end and Thanksgiving seems to be that holiday that just happens to serve as a quiet break and possible study time to get caught up. Who can blame us? Life is difficult, and we all deserve a break. But let's not forget what this little holiday is about or more importantly what it can be about.

Thanksgiving. The words say it quite literally. It is a time of giving thanks for what we have. For the pilgrims, it was thanking God for giving them food enough to survive the winter. In our day and age the tradition survives symbolically with the gathering of family and friends for a meal.

But do we really stop and take time to

really be thankful for anything? We are so busy and Thanksgiving is just that little hiatus between work and Christmas. Or could it just possibly be that we do not have anything to be thankful for anymore?

There certainly are enough problems going around. All one has to do is pick up a newspaper or watch the news to hear about problems around the globe or right across the street.

But we do have so much to be thankful for. It's just that we often forget and take these things for granted being so close to the proverbial forest as it were.

We all have warm beds to sleep in, roofs over our heads and clothes on our bodies. Our homes have electricity and water. If we want food we open the refrigerator and if we want to relax we pop in a CD or turn on the TV. As students we are receiving an expensive if not adequate

education. We each have friends and loved ones that care for us, support us and party with us. Whether we realize it or not, we do have things to be thankful for, at least when compared to others in the world.

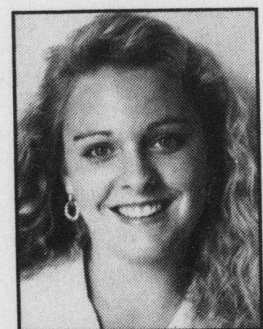
So what does this mean? None of this is meant to dampen our spirits or induce guilt if that is what you are thinking. We shouldn't feel guilty for being fortunate.

It is important, however, for us to remember how fortunate we are. So when we are home this Thanksgiving, eating turkey and watching the game, take an opportunity between commercials to "give" your loved ones a hug. Let them know how thankful you are for their just being them. And if you can, give of yourself to those around you. Don't worry. Christmas will be here before you know it.

David Kinch is a senior English major.

## Family reunions over the holidays a perfect chance for entertainment

By tomorrow most of this campus will be heading over the river and through the woods. And even though we say that Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on all our blessings, we all know gluttony, football, and shopping make up the holiday's tradition. In addition to those three highlights, family bonding, and quite possibly family squabbles, are the main attractions.



LAURIE HYDE

When we go off to college, it's amazing how our families change, or at least they seem different to us. Anything that bothered us while we lived at home now seems magnified a hundred times. But the truth is everyone is pretty much the same; it's our tolerance level that has changed. When analyzing the whole situation we discover things never change

at all!

Do you remember that argument you had with your sister when you were 10 over who got to sit where? You'd end up slapping her on the arm because she got her way (and she always did because your parents secretly favored her). Well, now you're 10 years older and quite possible you both will participate in a dispute of much the same nature, ending in much the same manner. Only now you're bigger and can hit much harder.

Take a look at your parents and their siblings. Watch them interact — and then watch Grandma react. See, nothing changes!

I love families. Not necessarily for the closeness or the love, but for the sheer entertainment. For some reason people get all stressed out during the holiday season. I know you all know what I'm talking about. The most minute debates can be blown into ridiculous arguments. But it's fun and we all come back the next year and do it all again.

And we wouldn't have it any other way.

I'm a firm believer that families should be loved unconditionally. That means we should love them and everything that goes along with their personalities. Only with an accepting attitude can we appreciate the entertainment element of family get-togethers. Even Aunt Laverne can be a regular comedian if you love her despite all her many faults. Otherwise she will just get one your nerves.

Acceptance should be in the Thesaurus as another word for love. I know we all can't get along 100 percent of the time. I know some of us have a great deal more to accept than others. I also know that we can't change people, so we might as well go on and love them anyway.

The theme this Thanksgiving should be forgiveness and acceptance. None of us will be thankful until we've accepted all the idiosyncrasies sitting around the Thanksgiving table. I'm not saying we all need to like everything and dwell together in perfect harmony. Just don't harp on someone else's faults. I'm sure if given the opportunity, a family member just might take a crack at altering our own personality.

Have a good vacation. Eat a lot. Shop a lot. And don't forget to get on someone's nerves. Thanksgiving just wouldn't be the same without a few altercations!

Laurie Hyde is a junior English major from Oklahoma City, where she'll spend Thanksgiving with her very entertaining family.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Scoreless

As far as I'm concerned, the score is Christians 0, Watson 0.

Why are we keeping score of this kind of debate? Clearly Dennis Watson likes to provoke strong (preferably negative) reactions from Skiff readers, and I must congratulate him on his success. Like most of the letter writers, I agree with Mr. Watson's point concerning separation of church and state and dislike the way he made his point. But that's just typical Watsonese, and I see no point in letting it get to me.

If all of the Christians who wrote had the faith they claim to have, they wouldn't need to be so defensive, because with faith comes self-assurance. Didn't Jesus Christ turn the other cheek?

As a Christian, I don't feel the need to do battle or judge others, especially those I don't even know. As soon as someone can show me where in the Bible we are told to be narrow-minded, judge other people and discriminate against those who are different from ourselves and make us uncomfortable, then I'll have something to really think about.

For the time being, I'll continue to "do unto others as I would have done unto me," to the best of my ability. Sometimes I fail, but God did make me human, after all. I'm very grateful that God does not condemn me the way some of my brothers and sisters do.

Ellen J. Archambault  
graduate, music

### Oh, Dennis

When I picked up the Skiff and read Dennis Watson's article, I almost thought I was in another place. Last I heard, we were attending Texas Christian University. Either way, that was the last time I will ever read one of your articles. You seem to have picked every arguable topic that you could and then anger people with your abrupt stand against it.

First it was fraternities, and now it's Christianity. You said that you were going to finally praise someone in your article, yet at the same time you griped and tore down the beliefs of others. I have never read a more opinionated article from such an obviously bitter and negative person in my life. We are already bombarded daily by bad news and crime statistics and you just accentuate the problem by writing such negative articles.

What ever happened to letting other's live their lives in peace with their own beliefs? I was sure that was why people came to America in the first place: freedom of religion. I personally believe in Christianity and firmly stand behind prayer in school, but I don't respond in anger by trashing other's beliefs like you did.

But to say that Christians shove our faith down others' throats is an understatement compared to what you shove down your readers' throats. I personally feel that there is nothing wrong with a Christian sharing his happiness with another. You, on the other hand, share your misery.

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### Ignorance

Attention multiculturalists! We as a campus are, in our zeal, working to destroy a great American institution.

Hunger Week is an excellent example. Students man booths and paste up signs informing us all about famine and general foodlessness on the global scene. It may seem of little concern, but let us not forget that this rush toward altruism is destroying the philosophy we call ignorance.

I'm not talking about hated bigotry here, but good-hearted American apathy. This terrible outcome threatened by multiculturalism may in fact seem insignificant, but let us not forget

that it was ignorance of the nuclear bomb that kept Neanderthal man from atomizing the earth. While you may not find this logic acceptable, it lies at the heart of what we call ignorance.

"Ignorance is bliss." "A little knowledge is a dangerous thing." While these truisms may be about as true as "The moon is made of green cheese," here are some others to chew on: "Knowledge is power," "Power corrupts," and "The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence." It's important we never forget that multiculturalism is a two-edged sword. It's great to know what's in your neighbor's house, unless you try to steal his TV. The Crusades only happened because the holy land wasn't Europe, and World War II in the Pacific only happened because the Pacific has two sides.

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### Say no to status quo

Andy Grieser is wrong when he says that nonconformity and college do not mix. It's nonconformity and TCU that don't go well together. Fortunately, the rest of the world is not the sludge-like bastion of conservatism and conformity that our beloved institution is.

No, there are students out there in the real world who are not afraid to be who they want and not surrender their own distinctive ideas and opinions about the status quo.

Andy is right about the way nonconformists are treated on this campus. The student body as a whole is very intolerant of people who are not exactly the same as everyone else. Little things like dirty looks from students or, even more annoyingly, harassment by the TCU police just prove the vision of our school is extremely narrow.

This is a time in our lives when we should be open to new ideas and not chastise someone because they think or look differently. The clique-ish mentality here is worse than high school. Come on everyone, we're adults! There is no room for these stupid little prejudices.

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### Carroll grad

As a general rule, I usually do not agree with much of what Dennis Watson writes in his columns. However, until his column about Bill Pritchard, I had nothing but my emotions and my opinion on my side.

I am a 1992 graduate of Carroll High School. Pritchard was a classmate, co-worker on the school paper and someone whom I would still consider to be a close friend. I hate to burst Mr. Watson's bubble, for it seems he thought he'd found a soul mate in Pritchard.

However, Mr. Watson has never spoken to Pritchard. Yet, he assumes Pritchard would agree with his anti-Christian sentiment. I know Pritchard would be far from proud, or even pleased, to be praised by Watson or associated with the quote, "People like Mr. Pritchard and myself don't necessarily hate Christians, we just can't stand it when they pull out their soapboxes and start telling everyone how it is." Furthermore, he would also be insulted to be associated with any of the remarks which infer that he shares Watson's atheist ideals.

You see, Mr. Watson, Pritchard is a Christian. He attends church regularly. He is a Christian who happens to be against prayer in schools, which is against the law. He, unlike you, is not against prayer in general. And he, unlike you, has Christian ideals... which is the reason why he respects others' right to believe what they wish and would not childishly resort to calling anyone's ideology, or lack thereof, asinine.

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## Superman's death leaves our youth short a role model

Batman's a little too psycho, you know

Well, I guess it was bound to happen sometime or another: Superman died. But you can't blame him, really; he's simply fallen victim to this recent trend of humanizing or mortalizing all of the great superheroes.

First, it was Batman. When I was a kid, Batman was a guy whose greatest asset wasn't his superhuman powers, but his neat toys, unmatched wit and the ultimate babe-gettin' car. But now he's got a bunch of psychological problems which keep him locked up in a huge castle of a house trying to unravel his past while sipping spiced tea and gnawing on stale melba toast.

I think we should have taken the clue that Batman was having a few problems when he elected for Michael Keaton to play him instead of a real man like Al Pacino (now there's a true superhero). And where the hell's Robin? Okay, I understand the reluctance of some to continue with a character whose name is most commonly associated with a small bird that chirps ever so sweetly, but now they keep promising to bring him back in "Batman 3: The Overindulgence" as Michael J. Fox in black-face!

Well, now Superman has had his day. And with him goes yet another role model for the children in this country. The Man of Steel, the only guy who could march around a major metropolitan community in tights and a cape and get away without so much as a scratch. Gone... gone... gone... but not for good. Oh no, they'll bring him back, sure enough.

This time he'll have a hipper, more '90s style of outfit, and a '90s attitude. And if he's real lucky, he won't be reincarnated as a journalist. No, sir. He'll have some '90s type of job like an environmental geologist who simply ducks into any nearby recycling bin and emerges as... well... Superman, but he'll have really big sideburns and a goatee.

Although this is truly a sad day in our nation's history, I guess a new and supposedly improved Superman isn't all bad when you consider the "superheroes" that currently exist: namely, those silly Ninja Turtles.

I don't think I'll ever understand the motive behind these "heroes on a half-shell." They live in the sewers, eat pizza all day and (most unfortunately) hang out with journalists in their spare time. These guys define "superhero" about as well as Billy Ray Cyrus defines "musician." Sad.

Superman doesn't need fancy weapons or a rat for a mentor; he's cool no matter how you draw him.

And with people like Christopher Reeve portraying him on the silver screen, I think we can all agree that in no way is Superman's masculinity on the wane.

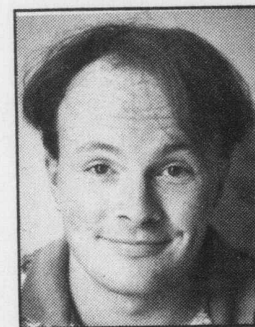
But beware, with a new Superman will undoubtedly come a new wave of Superman movies, and Christopher Reeve is pretty washed up.

And if they try to put Kevin Costner or some other weenie (like Keanu Reeves) in a Superman movie, I'm going to puke.

It's bad enough that the children of our country find pleasure in shooting guns and killing one another, but to erase one of the few positive role models left in society is not a step in the right direction.

I don't know if a new Superman will better our society on the whole; I'm not sure that anyone even cares in the least whether or not the Man of Steel comes back at all. If I had my way, I'd dump Lois and go for Wonder Woman... she's a real babe.

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# Aggies clinch SWC title with victory over Frogs

By BEN WALTERS  
TCU Daily Skiff

When it rains it pours.

Undefeated Texas A&M exploded for three touchdowns in the first five minutes of the fourth quarter to bury TCU 37-10 in front of 55,086 rain-soaked fans Saturday afternoon at Kyle Field in College Station. The win, coupled with Baylor's 21-20 victory over Texas, clinched a second-consecutive Southwest Conference title for the Aggies.

"I thought we did a great job of hanging in there today, especially for the first three quarters," TCU defensive tackle Royal West said. "I can't explain what happened after that."

Texas A&M scored three plays into the fourth quarter on a 37-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Corey Pullig to split end Tony Harrison. Two minutes later, after a TCU punt, tailback Greg Hill scored on a 6-yard run to finish the A&M scoring.

Hill led the Aggie attack with 187 yards on 25 carries and one touchdown. Overall, Texas A&M amassed 341 yards rushing and 447 yards in total offense.

Meanwhile, the Aggie defense held TCU to a season-low 192 yards in total offense. In the second half, TCU could manage a mere 81 yards in offense. The Horned Frogs did not get a first down in the second-half until midway through the fourth quarter. TCU finished the game a miserable 1-for-14 on third-down conversions.

The lone TCU touchdown came in the second quarter on a 63-yard pass from quarterback Leon Clay to flanker Jimmy Oliver. Oliver caught a quick out pattern from Clay, got by the cornerback who had slipped on the wet turf and outraced the rest of the Aggie secondary to the end zone.

"It was a 15-yard down-and-out pattern," Oliver said. "I faked to the outside and caught the ball. I turned around and realized that the defender had slipped, so I just took off."

The Aggies got on the scoreboard

first when Terry Venetoulis kicked a career-best 47-yard field goal midway through the first quarter. The field goal was set up when TCU punter Kevin Cordesman got off an 11-yard punt from the TCU 38-yard line.

Venetoulis attempted a 40-yard field goal early in the second quarter, but it was blocked by tackle Tunji Bolden. After two punts by each team, TCU quarterback Max Knake fumbled the ball and Texas A&M linebacker Marcus Buckley recovered at the TCU 6-yard line. Two plays later, tailback Rodney Thomas scored on a 1-yard dive to give the Aggies a 10-0 lead.

Oliver's touchdown catch on the first play of TCU's next possession cut the Texas A&M lead to 10-7. Venetoulis kicked a 21-yard field goal with 20 seconds remaining in the first half to give the Aggies a 13-7 halftime advantage.

The only scoring in the third quarter came on a 22-yard field goal by Venetoulis after a 71-yard Aggie drive stalled on the TCU 5-yard line. Venetoulis' three field goals tied his career high for field goals made in a game.

After the Texas A&M offensive explosion to open the fourth quarter, the only other points of the quarter were scored by Kevin Cordesman on a 21-yard field goal with over four minutes remaining to cut the Texas A&M lead to the final of 37-10.

After the game, Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum complimented Pat Sullivan on TCU's fine effort.

"I think Pat Sullivan did a great job," Slocum said. "They were a well-coached team."

TCU ended its season 2-8-1, while the No. 4 ranked Aggies improved to 11-0 and remain in contention for the national championship. The Aggies will be making their second consecutive appearance in the Cotton Bowl no matter what happens in their game on Thursday with Texas.

"I believe we have a chance to win the national championship," A&M cornerback Derrick Frazier said.

"This team is capable of lining up and beating anyone in the country. The bottom line is that we know how to win."

After playing Miami in the Orange Bowl and Texas A&M at Kyle Field, Sullivan refused to speculate about which team is better.

"They both have great football teams," Sullivan said. "The only way to know which one is better is to put them on the field together."

Oliver, who caught a 63-yard touchdown against Texas A&M and a 45-yard touchdown against Miami, said the teams each have a different strength.

"I would have to give the edge to Miami on offense and to A&M on defense," Oliver said.

While the Aggies talked of titles, the TCU football team looked towards the future.

"I don't know of another team in the country that has improved over the course of the season as much as we have," Sullivan said. "I'm proud this team learned how to compete as the season went along. Now we have to go out and recruit some youngsters who can come in and contribute to this team."

## Offense sputters in loss

By JEFF BLAYLOCK  
TCU Daily Skiff

### Analysis

Pat Sullivan led his purple troops onto the field for the last time in his inaugural season as a Division I head coach, and he led them off as he had eight times before, losing to the heavily favored Texas A&M Aggies.

In the cold and rain in College Station, the Frogs' offense proved it ran on all-weather ineptitude, managing a (surprise) scant 111 yards and 7 points in the first half. The defense carried the day as it has all year, but Atlas finally had to put the world down from his shoulders.

The tired Frogs surrendered 21 fourth-quarter points, which made the final 37-10 it is fair to say the game was closer than that.

Sort of.

TCU's lone scoring strike, as

several have been this season, was a 63-yard pass play from quarterback Leon Clay to flanker Jimmy Oliver, and, aside from that, the Frogs offense managed little. The Frogs lost the yardage battle, 447-192, and the time of possession battle, 34:27 to 25:33.

"I thought our defense played extremely well today," A&M head coach R.C. Slocum said. "At the half, if you take away their big play, they had like 40 yards. We got stronger as the game wore on."

It wasn't a good day for the quarterbacks on either side. The quarterbacks of the future, freshmen Corey Pullig and Max Knake, combined for a 9-of-28 effort for 121 yards.

Pullig had looked good in earlier starts against Louisville and SMU, but against the Frogs, looked skittish and unsure of himself. Knake, who has never really gotten a chance to lead the Frogs and has instead been left to pick up the pieces left in Leon Clay's shadow, never got it going.

For TCU, the season ended as it began, in disappointment. As the Aggies move on to the Cotton Bowl, the Frogs move on to the Recruiting Bowl, and Sullivan has to bank on his jarring win over Texas to bring players to his struggling ball club.

"Now we have to go out and recruit some youngsters who can come in and contribute to this team," Sullivan said. "We have 26 scholarships to give. Whoever we get, they'll have the opportunity to play with a great bunch of kids and have the chance to play early."

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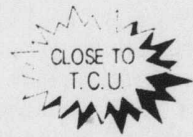


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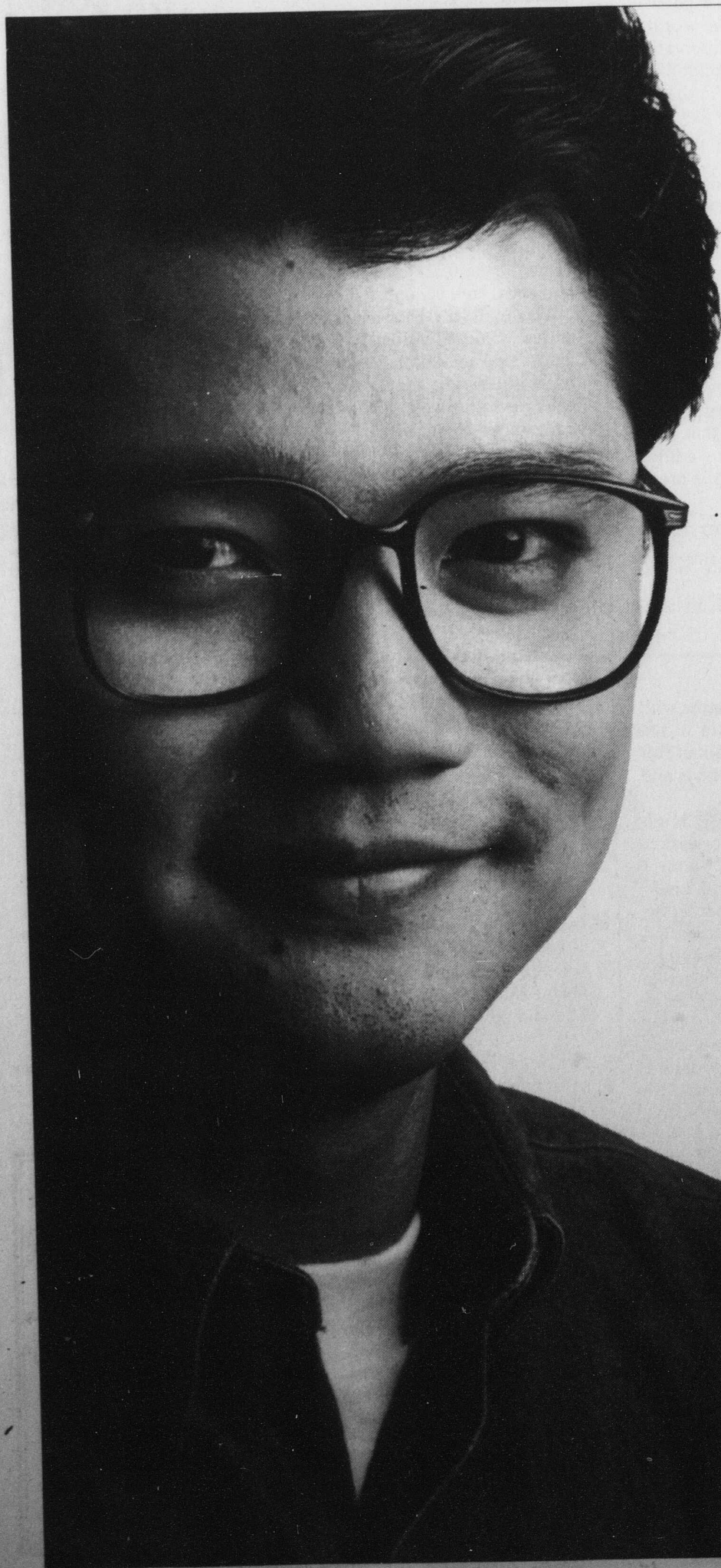
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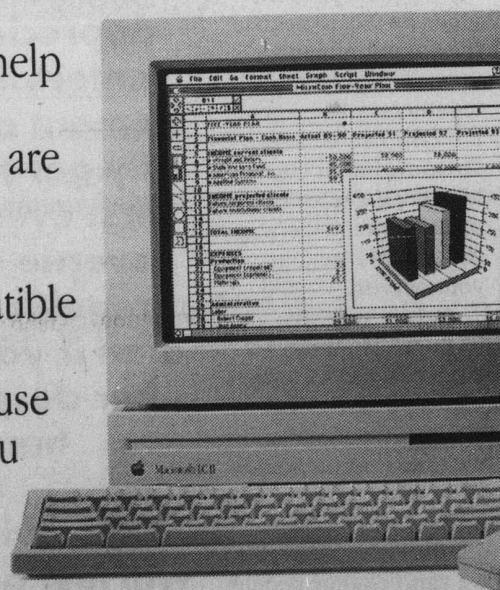


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