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Despite hard times, Soviets adapt to free-market system

By THOMAS GINSBERG
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MOSCOW — Acting Prime Minister Yegor Gaidar told a jeering Congress on Wednesday that the Russian people are smarter and more patient than the hard-liners who are trying to dump his government and block reforms.

Gaidar, fighting for his job and the economic policy he has championed for President Boris Yeltsin, conceded that the government's program had failed to tame inflation, now 25 percent a month.

But he said a declining number of strikes and public protests indicated growing public acceptance of the switch from seven decades of communism toward a free-market economy.

"There is no threat of hunger and cold.

We have passed through the period of adaptation to reforms without social upheaval," Gaidar said.

"Despite all the hardships resulting from the changes, despite all the obstacles that still must be overcome, the Russian people turn out to be smarter than politicians think."

"The people clearly understand the need for reform and are ready to work, rather than rock the boat of our well-being and future," he said.

The opposition was not swayed. "Gaidar is a con man," said Mikhail Astafiyev, a leader of the hard-line Russian Unity faction in Congress.

"He will almost certainly have to resign," said Dmitri Stepanov, another Russian Unity member.

Hard-liners want to slow Yeltsin's eco-

nomical changes and drop Gaidar, the architect of the reforms.

Yeltsin has resisted lawmakers' demands that he nominate a prime minister for approval by the Congress. Because Gaidar is only "acting" prime minister, Yeltsin has not had to submit his nomination.

But Vladimir Shumeiko, first deputy prime minister, said Yeltsin had decided to nominate Gaidar, even though he may not have the votes to push the appointment through.

Gaidar's speech was met by jeers and stony faces from the rows of burly, middle-aged former Communists — holdovers from the old regime who were elected in March 1990, 17 months before the coup attempt that led to the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Deputies interrupted his message of opti-

mism with derisive laughter, but Gaidar quickly resumed his rapid-fire defense. His arms were stiffly spread as he gripped the sides of the wide lectern of the Grand Kremlin Palace, which still bore the hammer-and-sickle seal of the Soviet Union.

Yeltsin sat behind and above him on the podium, calmly overlooking the 1,041-member Congress of People's Deputies, Russia's highest parliamentary body.

Hard-liners want to force changes in the Cabinet and slow the market reforms, which have brought soaring prices and plunging living standards.

But neither Yeltsin nor the hard-liners have a clear majority. Both sides are maneuvering for support from about 300 undecided and unpredictable deputies, known in Russian as "the Swamp."

Outside the Kremlin's crenelated red

brick walls, about 200 Cossacks in traditional long cloaks adorned with polished silver bullets demonstrated in support of Yeltsin, and bearded Russian Muslims danced and chanted for the president.

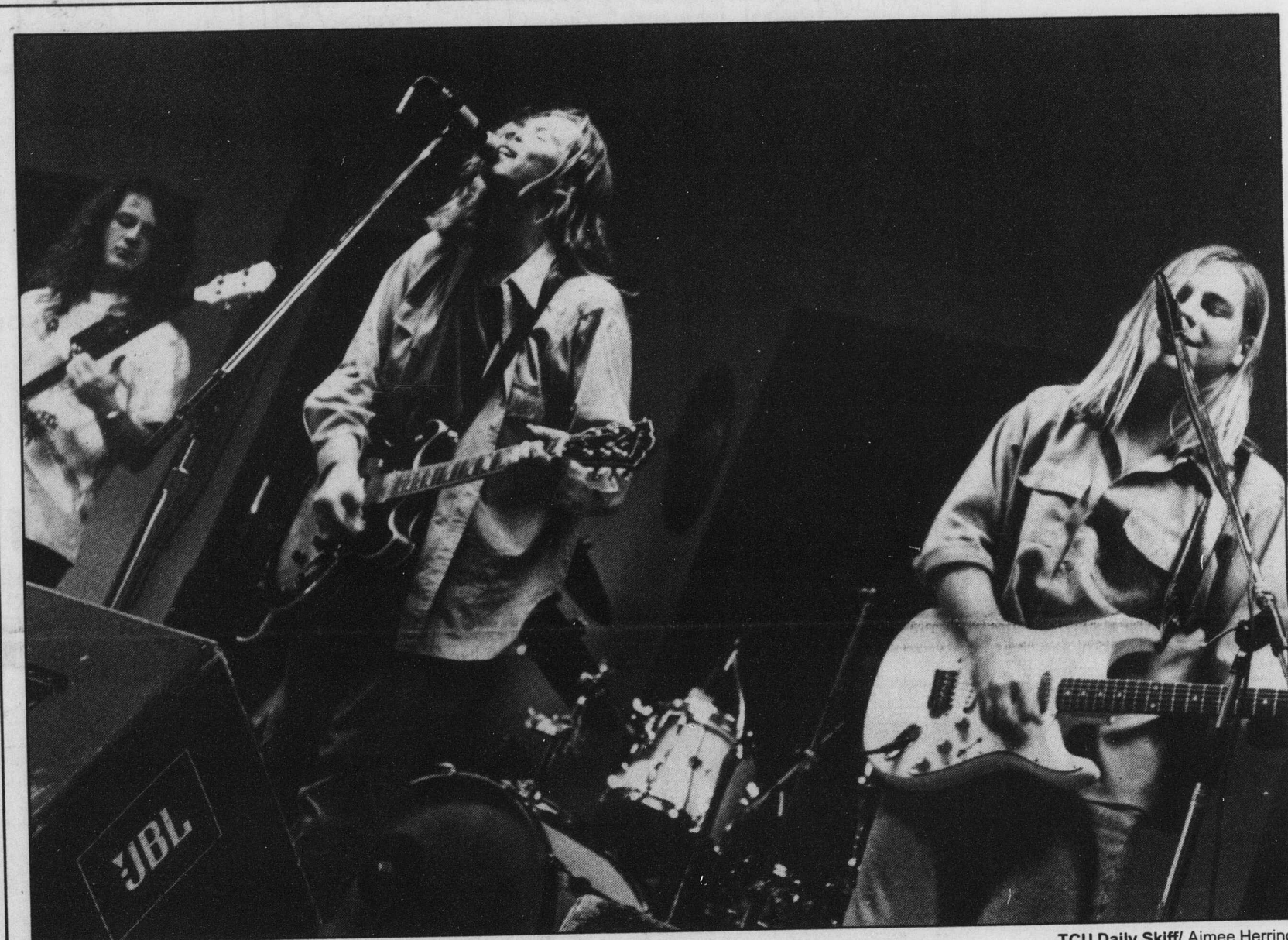
A dozen yards away, by the onion domes of St. Basil's Cathedral, about 200 pro-Communist supporters waved red flags.

Police barricades separated the opposing sides.

Gaidar, a 36-year-old former economics researcher, only occasionally glanced down at his notes during the 55-minute speech.

He said that in addition to hardships, his reforms had yielded some positive results, noting the increased production of television, videocassette recorders and other consumer goods.

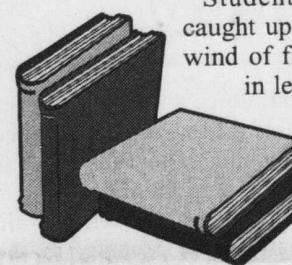
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Lizard Ranchers Kurt Koehn (center) and Peter Atrez (right) croon as Bill Hammon (left) plays the bass guitar. Lizard Ranch played Tuesday night in the Student Center Lounge.

Advisers offer review tips for the pressured

By CARRIE BREWER
TCU Daily Skiff



Reading Room

will soon be packed to capacity with students studying for finals.

Ann Husband, a freshman fashion and design major said she has not even begun studying for her four finals.

"I'll probably start studying for finals next Monday," Husband said. Mike Shorey and Jeff Sommer, both freshmen pre-majors, said they plan to start studying the night before each of their five tests.

The counselors in the Center for Academic Services have a few tips for students wanting to improve their study habits.

Gail Zimmerman, a counselor at

the center, said the tips will not improve a student's skills overnight, but will get the student motivated to study.

Some of the tips Zimmerman suggested were:

•Start early. Do not wait until the night before.

•Get all your study material as organized as possible before you start studying.

•Write out key terms and formulas from your textbook or class notes on index cards and use them as flash cards. You can carry the cards around with you and take them out whenever you want to review.

•Review, review, review. The more you review, the better the information will be forced into long-term memory.

"Many students seem to wait until the last minute," Zimmerman said. "Cramming only seems to add stress."

Students can go back and ask their professor about things they are not sure about if they start early, she said.

Sommers said he has never tried

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Candlelight vigil brings a close to World AIDS Day

By MICHELE GRAY
TCU Daily Skiff

The soft, lighted shadows, created by candles on Frog Fountain Tuesday night, signaled the closing for World AIDS Day.

Participants in the candlelight vigil questioned why there was such a low turnout.

"I think there was a small percentage because people don't take time out of their own personal world," said Kevin Kirkpatrick, a senior theatre radio/TV/film double major.

"I bet they wouldn't think it was funny or trite if it was their family (diagnosed with AIDS)," he said.

The World Health Organization has marked Dec. 1 as World AIDS Day five years in a row. A display of 128 panels of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt made by families and friends of people who have died of AIDS and an Interfaith Service at the United Methodist Church marked the day, along with the candlelight vigil.

In the unusually cold weather, people on crutches, students, Fort Worth residents and victims of HIV cupped their candles to prevent the wind from blowing the flames out.

Two Fort Worth residents who HIV-positive attended the candlelight vigil.

"People don't want to be seen in an environment supporting the AIDS fight," one of the residents said.

The other resident said everyone should have an AIDS test, even if they are not sexually active.

"The university clinic only charges \$10 and you can put your name as Mickey Mouse if you don't want anyone to know the results," the resident said.

"People know it's out there," the other resident said. "They just don't care. They think it'll never affect them. It's easy to get involved. We're already involved because we're HIV-positive."

Genie Quincy from the Fort Worth AIDS Project said the candles were a symbol of hope, compassion and love.

Kathryne McDorman, professor of history, said, "I hope you've taken advantage of today and have learned something. Spread the word to try to change. Only as a community, can we help those suffering from AIDS."

Lara Rankin, president of Public Relations Student Society of America TCU chapter, said this was the first time the university has had a candlelight vigil.

Many students filtered in and out of the Student Center and did not notice the AIDS tables and the quilt, Rankin said.

"Tons more should've come," she said. "I think it's misconception and denial that people don't want to have anything to do with AIDS. They'd better start caring because it's going to hit their friends and family."

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METROPLEX

Today will be partly cloudy with a high temperature around 62 degrees. Clouds will increase during the night and on Friday occasional showers are likely. Highs will range from 43 to 56 degrees.



Rise in violent suburban crime frightens Richardson residents

By KATIE FAIRBANK
Associated Press

RICHARDSON, Texas — A high school student is slain at random by a marauding gang. Three young employees at a sporting goods store are tied up and their throats slashed.

These are crimes that happen somewhere else. In a big city like Dallas. Not in a place like suburban Richardson.

But within three weeks, the middle-class Dallas suburb has been shaken to its core by a pair of ruthless crimes.

Violence has crossed the line separating the suburb of 75,000 from the city, and trepidation has quickly followed.

"Richardson has a reputation of homes, good schools, a bedroom

community, churches," said Sgt. Ray Pennington, a 26-year police veteran. "People grow accustomed to having a relatively crime-free lifestyle."

No more. November's killings have dispelled any illusions here that safety is a given in suburbia.

Richardson had four murders last year and none this year until a teenager was arrested in October for shooting to death the sister of a former boyfriend.

Then, on Nov. 6, a high school student, Sean Cooper, was felled by an armed gang near Berkner High School. Police have since arrested 11 suspects, including three juveniles.

And on the night before Thanksgiving, just a few blocks away, police say a group of young men tied up three employees at Herman's Sporting Goods store and cut their throats.

Two 18-year-olds died, one a Berkner High graduate, Justin S. Marquart, and one a student, Frederick J. Banzhaf, who worked part time. The 22-year-old assistant manager, Angie King, is recovering at a hospital.

King was able to free herself after feigning death. Despite her wounds from a Swiss army knife, she called 911. She identified another employee, James Curtis Langston III, as one of the suspects.

Police say Langston, 26, who attended the University of North Texas on a football scholarship from 1984 to 1989, tried to run over an officer when police moved in to arrest him outside his Dallas apartment early the next morning. He was

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Holiday show continues tradition

By AKUM NORDER
TCU Daily Skiff

Speech communication students will continue a TCU Christmas tradition tonight with their performance of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever."

This will be the sixth or seventh year for students in a readers' theater class to perform the story, said Donna Hall, assistant professor of speech communication and director of the production.

"It is our gift to the TCU community," Hall said. "We've done it

many times, and it's always been well-received."

Readers' theater uses no sets, no costumes and very little movement, Hall explained. All nine actors will sit on stage with their scripts in hand throughout the performance.

"Part of the challenge (for the audience) is visualizing the scene, since you don't have the sets and costumes that you have in conventional theater," she said.

Written by Barbara Webb Robinson, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" is the story of six disruptive children who are given roles in a

nativity play.

"It's just such a delightful book," Hall said. "It always puts me in the mood for Christmas."

"While it's light and funny on one hand, it really has the true message of Christmas beneath it all," she said.

A reception will be hosted, after the performance, by members of Sigma Pi Chi, the speech communication honor society.

The performance will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Moody Building Room 141N. Admission is free.

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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.

Australian Marine Biological Workshops is the next biology seminar to be given by Fred Wells at 12 p.m.-1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4 in Sid Richardson LH4.

Ft. Worth Audubon will meet at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 10 in room 2-114 at the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine at Camp Bowie and Montgomery. The topic of the slide presentation given by John Cys will be "Breeding Birds of the Permian Basin." All meetings are open to interested members of the public. Call Debby Kuenen at 571-1265.

Muslim Students Association is reforming for next semester. Call Khalid Rayyis at 346-3606. For more information about Muslim culture, call Yushau Sodiq 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 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. Call Elizabeth at 924-2053.

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...

... To revise and edit 7 chapter of an engineering handbook related to soil conservation. Transfer information from one computer disk to a new one so information can be published. Knowledge of mathematical equations and Greek symbols needed. Available weekdays.

... Contact apartment complexes to explain an agency's program for placing youth in independent living situations after they have been released from correctional facilities. Good communication skills needed.

... Help care for homeless children while their parents take classes to prepare them to take their high school diploma equivalency exam. Available Monday evenings between 6 and 8 p.m.

... Interview people who are applying for assistance through a Christmas aid program. Verify income and information, and determine clothing sizes for children who will receive items of clothing for Christmas. Available weekdays.

... Help build and paint theater sets for plays. Must be able to use hand tools and power tools. Available in Arlington on weekdays, with shifts between 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

... Type, file information, copy materials, and assemble packets of information for an agency whose services and programs help women. Must be able to work independently and have good organizational skills. Available weekdays.

... Sort items that will be given to needy people at Christmas. Determine clothing sizes for items that are not marked. Involves standing for periods of time. Shifts available on weekdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

... Review requests from people who are seeking help through a Christmas program that provides shoes, clothing and toys to school children. Help fill out necessary paperwork and determine eligibility. Spanish language skills would be especially helpful. Shifts available on weekdays.

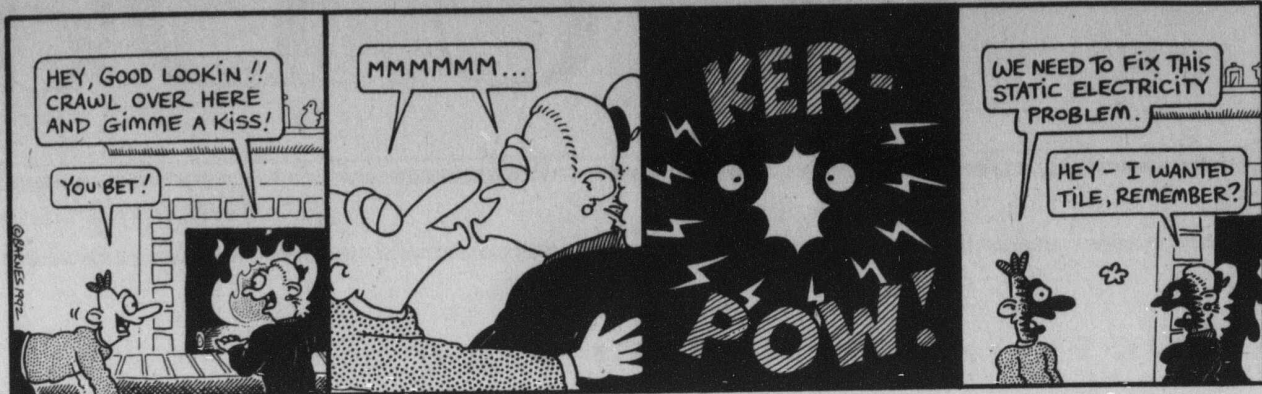
... Set up large amounts of toys that will be given to needy children at Christmas. Toys will be set up on December 19, 20 and 21, and clients will pick up toys for their children on December 22 and 23.

... Fill orders for food that will be distributed to needy people in northeast Tarrant County. Place food in bags to help fill orders, and keep shelves stocked with food. Available weekdays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

... Show a prepared current events film to nursing home residents and read from a current events booklet. Each session lasts about 30 or 40 minutes. Flexible scheduling available on weekdays.

Insanity Fair

by Joe Barnes



Hemlock

by Andy Grieser



Nigel & Me

by Stev Klinetobe



Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



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shot several times and killed. Two other men have been charged with two counts of murder and one count of attempted murder.

"You bind three children and slit their throats... the brutality of the crime has to ignite people's indignation," said Berkner Principal Don Skaggs. "This is a deep tragedy."

"Everybody's talking about it," said 16-year-old sophomore Christina Davidson. "It's all they are talking about."

"Things like that don't happen. Not here. Maybe over in Dallas or Oak Cliff. Not in Richardson," said her friend, sophomore Jennifer Powell.

"They're all wondering who's

next?" Powell said.

Many teen-age children have been ordered to stay indoors at night.

"The parents are really frightened," said Geri Kellogg, one of the school's eight guidance counselors. "Their attitude had been, 'It's not going to happen.' But now it's 'Yes, it can happen.' The circumstances have made the point. You can't be too aware."

Residents want to feel their community is still safe, that their children won't be the next victims, Pennington said.

"They just want reassurance, and that's what we try to tell them that this is an aberration," the sergeant said.

Get belted this Christmas.



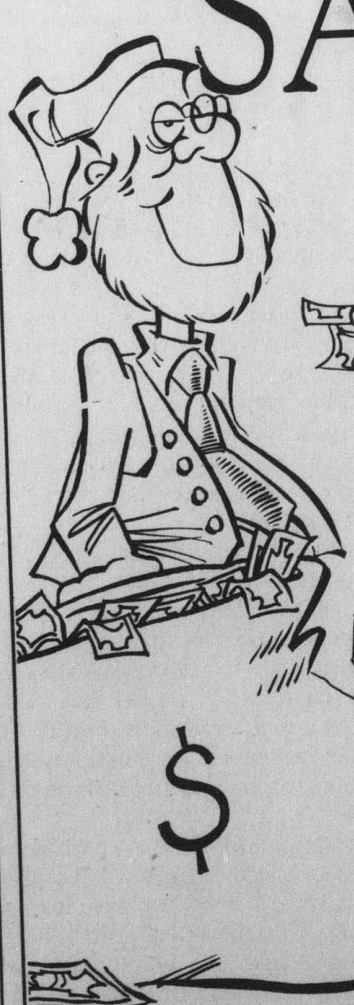
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Opinion

Crime is not limited to the 'hood,' whether news coverage is or not

When I was a small girl I recall my annual visit to the doctor's office for my check-up, and inevitably those people found some reason to use me as a pin cushion.

I remember once, being the feisty, fiery little tot that I was, actually punching a nurse because what she did with that pointed object hurt me. My parents always tried to explain the need for such pain, but no soothing chat from my parents would alleviate the fear, then pain, then sheer anger: I felt when it was time to receive my immunization.

Last weekend a horrible event happened in the Dallas suburb of Richardson. Two teens who worked at a sporting goods store were killed during a robbery attempt. The whole town was saddened by the



MICHELLE SMITH

and for that matter TCU. Simply because we are removed in some ways from what we think is a high-crime area (from which

occurrence and shocked by the irony that the two boys were friends of the another slain youth, Sean Cooper, the victim of a gang related murder.

These crimes are inexcusable, but sort of a shot in the arm for Richardson and other suburbs, and for that matter TCU. Simply because we are removed in some ways from what we think is a high-crime area (from which

TCU is not so removed) we feel that we have a natural immunity to victimization.

You see, I'm from Oak Cliff, the largest subdivision of Dallas which in recent times has received some very negative press by being lumped in with the south side of the city. It has been touted as being one of the toughest places in Dallas. If you don't live on the North side of town it is almost taboo to even speak of your residence. Maybe it is because when crime is spoken of in places like Oak Cliff, more attention is paid to the criminals, but when crimes happen in places like Richardson more time is allotted to the victims.

I'm beginning to see what my parents were saying when they said that there was a reason for the pain from the shot in the arm and sometimes the shot in the rear. It

prepares us for what may try to invade us at future times.

No matter where you live there is hate, be it Stop Six, or Bel Aire. It seems as if the Bel Aire folks are fleeing what may be in Stop Six and they end up experiencing it anyway.

I'm sure Richardson residents have the urge to lash out and retaliate against who did this evil thing to their youths, just as I felt the urge to punch my nurse; but this was their first real brush with violent crime, as it was my first encounter with a needle. Maybe it will prepare them for this mean world that we live in, that these suburbs are actually a part of, that TCU is really a part of.

Many of us have received our doses of harsh circumstances and see the crimes

that happen in places like Richardson as nothing new, especially when happenings like these go unreported and unsolved in neighborhoods like West Dallas.

"It was drug related," or "It was gang-related," they say and then move on to sports. But it is shocking when it happens in those neighborhoods that are not so "notorious." Reality has this practice of sneaking in and snatching us back down to earth when we least expect it.

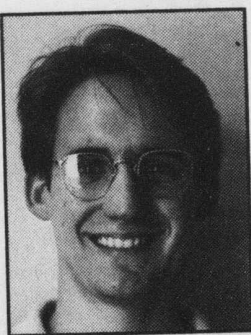
Our job is simply to be aware that we are not immune to violence no matter where we live.

Though I did not know her, I still remember Betsy Clements.

Michelle Smith is a senior English major.

Dear Santa, What I want for Christmas is for people to give to each other

Billy is in the fifth grade. All he wants for Christmas is a remote control car or a Nintendo. He hopes Santa will bring him one of the two because he knows his Daddy won't. Billy's been getting his water, using the toilet, and cleaning himself at the Texaco down the street. His Daddy hasn't paid the bills. His Daddy just got a new trench coat, though. Billy can't study at night, there are no lights.



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William wants a bicycle for Christmas. He is 9 years old. He got a Nintendo for his birthday because he was a good boy. His recycling project for the Science Fair won him first prize. When he grows up he is going to be a race car driver. He hates girls but his sister Laura is okay. She has been a good girl this year. He knows Santa will bring her a stereo for Christmas.

Shannon's been at college for a semester now. At first she didn't fit in. Her mother didn't let her rush, and all her friends are in a sorority. She was lonely until she met Larry. Now she's lonely because of Larry. He won't talk to her. Two and a half months and he won't talk to her. She is short on money. All she wants for Christmas is to die. That way she won't have to tell her parents about the baby.

Trey is going to get a 4.0. His Dad is going to be proud of him. In another eight years or so he and his Dad will get to practice together. It'll be tough work, but it will work out. One day the practice will be his to pass on to his son. All he wants for Christmas is to go skiing with the guys. He doesn't see why Dad won't let him have the house in Vail for a week.

Agnes is tired. She seems to always be cold and tired these days. She is starting to forget things. She hasn't been to the grocery store in a week, but she is too tired to go. She hasn't even put up the miniature Christmas tree she bought at Eckerd's yet. All she wants for Christmas is to see her grandkids. She talks to them on the phone at holidays and her birthday, but she hasn't seen them in over a year. Billy, her son, is too busy with his new job. She understands. His father would've been proud of him.

Peggy is feeling better. Her daughter has been over every day since she got pneumonia. Her two grandsons have been calling weekly to make sure she feels okay. She doesn't know what she'd do without them; they don't know what they'd do without her. Christmas cards line her television. She doesn't want anything for Christmas. She has all she needs.

Charles can't decide if he should transfer or not. He's from a middle class family just like the other students, but he feels separated. They look at him funny. Some people get nervous around him. He is articulate but some people talk different around him. He has felt like a minority before but never this often. More than once he has overheard that he is "not a nigger, he's cool. He's not like most of the Blacks here. He acts white." All he wants for Christmas is for people to understand him and grow up.

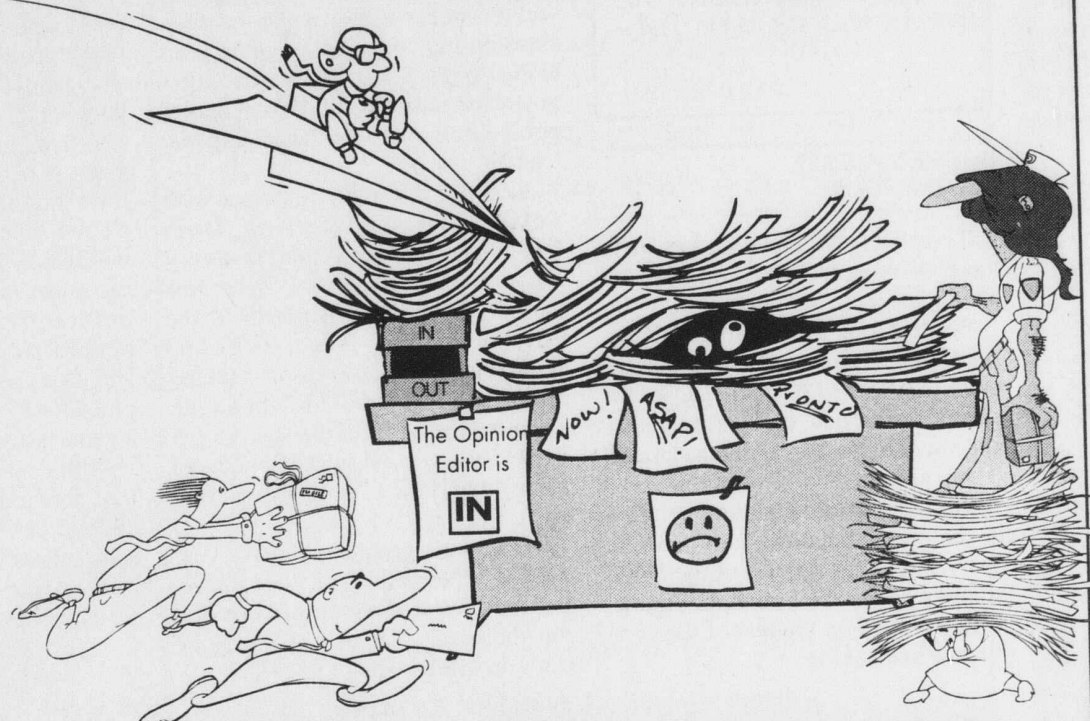
Chris has never felt the confidence that he feels now. Before it was just determination. He wanted out so he worked hard. Now he has a full scholarship, and a few loans. His new friends care about having a life. They are educated. They are not stuck up. They don't treat him funny because he is poor. He had thought they would. He's glad he was wrong. All he wants for Christmas is a computer. He has almost saved enough.

Remember this Christmas that this country is diverse. There are people who are less fortunate or more fortunate than you are. There always will be. Take time this season to get to know one another and help. Remember, this season is for two things: Be thankful; Give.

David Wells is a junior English major from Austin.

PURPLE LAST CALL

Do you plan to submit a letter to the editor?



Today is the deadline to submit letters to the editor in time for Friday's paper, the last edition of the semester. We'll take letters until 5 p.m. this afternoon in Moudy 2915, the Skiff newsroom.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dennis controversial?

Well, Dennis Watson, here's another letter for you to add to your collection. We're going to make this short and sweet as possible.

You stated that you don't believe you don't write what you do to generate controversy, but the fact of the matter is, you do anyway, and you probably like it that way. Just because you don't write that "Bush is a weenie" or that we should, as you so eloquently put it, "scrap the music department because it's simply a refuge for those who can't handle getting a REAL education," doesn't mean that what you write isn't controversial.

Granted, you have entertained us by giving us your view of the world — we'll give you that. You've made some of us laugh, and others of us very angry. With this article, we managed to feel both emotions. You see Dennis, we understand your humor, and we laugh when we think it's funny, but one of these days you're going to realize that sometimes your humor goes a little too far. Take your paragraph about Somalia and Yugoslavia, for example. How can you be so insensitive about such delicate issues just because "nobody stopped America when it erupted into a war over... slavery?"

Don't get us wrong. You are a very talented writer. All we're trying to say is that some of the things you wrote about in this article aren't as simplistic as you made them sound, and we don't think you should be writing about them as if they are. We're sorry if this has been too impolite for you, but in this case, we let you off easy.

Melinda Horton, et al
sophomore, English

P.S.

Jeff, good article. Lisa, you're still whining. Happy now?

Tré Kitchens
sophomore, history

See ya

We are writing you, Dennis Watson, to commend you on your efforts to create controversy on our campus. You have offended your share of Greeks, Christians and cowboys.

Despite the numbers of negative letters that

you received, there are a select few of us on campus that read your articles for entertainment. We have the pleasure of knowing what an arrogant (person) you really are and this is why we felt it a waste of time to submit positive comments about your articles to the Skiff.

We would like to say goodbye and to let you know that we will miss your sarcastic and humorous pleas for attention. "Lord" knows you got enough of it!

Wendy Bonds, et al
sophomore, social work

Arts

While visiting Fort Worth recently I noticed Jeff Jeter's column on censorship and felt compelled to respond to part of Mr. Jeter's argument.

Mr. Jeter seems to have his controversial artists confused. It was Andres Serrano whose "Piss Christ" featured a crucifix submerged in urine in an attempt to address the commercialization of religion in America. Robert Mapplethorpe's work includes homoerotic and sadomasochistic images.

Though I'm not as familiar with Serrano's work, I can speak to the broad range of the works of Robert Mapplethorpe, from warm, clean images of flowers, to benign pictures of children, to portraiture. Mapplethorpe was a very significant photographer and artist of the late 20th century, whose art was celebrated in the finest museums across the country and internationally.

The artist's work in homoerotic images examined sex roles, sexual identity and sexual politics. While these works represent only a portion of his artistic legacy, they are an important and legitimate part of Mapplethorpe's attempt to explore and understand his society, his world and his reality.

Most Western nations and many in this country believe the state has a responsibility to foster and promote excellence in art. But the matter of what constitutes good contemporary art is more than what sells well or is palatable to mainstream tastes.

In my view, the NEA system of peer-panel review offers the best hope for the future of federal grant-supported art, and if anything, those panels need to be liberalized to more accurately reflect the diversity of our nation and its artistic community.

Brad Vanderbilt
Class of '91

Grand Old Party should revitalize through inclusion

Build a more positive image, coalition

Former Secretary of Education William Bennett says Republicans "need to become a conviction party again." Pat Robertson advocates grassroots for future GOP success, and Missouri Sen. John Danforth says "the way to revive the party's position is to sharpen and clarify the core messages."

However, Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole believes "the Republican Party is not on life-support and does not need to be revived."

While there seems to be as many differing views about the future of the GOP as there are Republicans, no one will disagree that come Jan. 20 the GOP will hold less influence in Washington than it has in 12 years, now lacking an administration to counteract the actions of Democratic majorities in both the House and Senate.

Since I have become a "political junkie" this semester (says a fellow staffer), I thought that for my last article I would give my well-informed analysis of what the Republican party needs to do in order to regain the administration it had until now rented-to-own and the congressional majority it can't seem to buy.

Primarily, the GOP needs to become more inclusive. I'm somewhat disturbed that my ideological beliefs about society and the way government should work place me in a party that rarely garners many minority votes, and will boast as a member only one of the six women serving in the Senate next year. It also distresses me that those who are poor and oppressed do not look to the Republican party as the best party to provide answers for their problems.

However, one GOP leader, Housing and Urban Development Secretary Jack Kemp, has won popular support of people of all races by preaching "empowerment" programs for inner cities and the poor. As Republican pollster Frank Luntz remarked, "Our priorities of lower taxes, less government and individual empowerment are messages that cut across racial, ethnic and partisan lines."

Inclusiveness must also focus on reconciling the two sides of the abortion issue. While those opposed to abortion and those in favor of keeping abortion legal may never agree on whether or not abortion is fundamentally right, most Americans support some restrictions such as a waiting period and parental approval for minors prior to abortion. The GOP should pursue these compromises without requiring its members to compromise on principle, trumpeting the fact that it is the only party allowing for differing views on this volatile issue.

Secondly, the Republican party of the future needs to be positive. Throughout the presidential campaign I kept waiting to hear President Bush and his campaign staff declare at length the positive aspects of the Republican message. I'm still waiting. Perhaps the negative message worked for the GOP, because Governor Clinton only received 43 percent of the popular vote. However, the candidate carrying the negative message only received a paltry 38 percent.

I'm convinced that the GOP doesn't need to "go negative" in the future for the simple reason that its policies generally work. When, before 1992, have we ever witnessed a Democrat talk about welfare reform or school choice? A Democrat advocating these ideas would have been laughed out of the party eight years ago, but this year Bill Clinton won with these ideas (originally Republican ones).

While the Republicans in Washington have been displaced "out of the loop" of power for now, the Democrats can hardly claim a mandate to lead. 1992 will mark the first time in 32 years that the party gaining the White House did not gain seats in either the House or the Senate. Without being overly critical of the new administration too soon, the Republican party should encourage grassroots participation based on the dual themes of inclusiveness and positivity, building momentum to regain the Senate in 1994 and the presidency in 1996.

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Sports

Red Raiders threaten Longhorns' SWC title

Texas Tech
 Coach: James Dickey
 1991-92 record: 15-14
 SWC 6-8
 Returning Starters: 3
 Predicted Finish: 2nd

By ALAN DROLL
 TCU Daily Skiff

Last fall, basketball expectations at Texas Tech were more barren than the Lubbock landscape. First-year coach James Dickey faced the unenviable prospect of rebuilding a dismal 8-23 Red Raider team that seemed miles from the NCAA Tournament teams of the mid '80s.

What a difference a year makes. Tech improved by leaps and bounds in 1991-92, upsetting quality opponents such as New Mexico and Tulane en route to their first winning season (15-14) since the 1986-87 campaign.

"The most positive thing about our success last year was the attitude that our players developed toward winning," said Dickey. "They now believe in themselves as basketball players and as a team."

They can believe in Dickey as well. Dickey garnered Southwest Conference Coach of the Year honors, not bad for his first year as a Division I head coach.

Led by their 6-7, 225-pound premiere power forward Will Flemmons, the Raiders muscled their way back to respectability before bowing out to Texas, 97-87 in the second round of the SWC Post-Season Classic.

Flemmons earned SWC Player of the Year honors, yet at times he seemed to be carrying the Red

Raiders on his shoulders. For Tech to be successful this season, the supporting cast will have to be more... well, supportive.

"My point production may be down this year because I probably will get double-teamed a lot, but if I have a lot of help on offense, that's fine with me as long as the end result is the same," Flemmons said.

Three starters and sixth man Brad Dale return for Dickey. The Red Raiders will be even stronger inside the paint, as redshirt junior Nate Jackson joins Flemmons inside after sitting out last season with a knee injury. Jackson, a 6-9, 230-pound junior college transfer, should have an immediate impact at either center or forward.

"We will have a more balanced attack this year," said Flemmons. "With Nate Jackson, we have another inside guy who can score so the defense won't always collapse on me."

To keep the defense from collapsing inside, Tech's shooters must pose a legitimate threat. You'd think a team whose hand symbol is a gun would be good shooters, and if the Raiders are to elevate themselves to the next level, that is where they must improve.

Guards Lance Hughes, Barron Brown, and freshman Koy Smith along with forward Allan Austin will be called upon to provide that shooting punch.

Hughes, nicknamed "The Undertaker" after his affinity for professional wrestling, was the SWC's All-Newcomer last year as a freshman. His shooting improved as the season wore on.

Brown, a senior who saw limited playing time because of a back injury last season, will be called upon to step it up at the other guard spot along with Smith.

Austin started the Raiders' last 13

games last season, nailing over half of his shots from the field. A 6-5 junior, Allen possesses both the height to bang inside and the touch to shoot the rock.

"Allan Austin has really improved his perimeter game," Dickey said. "He was always a good defensive player, now he's really shooting the ball well outside."

Tech isn't seasoned or talented enough to blow out their SWC brethren. Texas again appears to hold a talent edge on the Raiders. What gives Tech a chance to pull it out, however, is their ability to get the tough baskets inside at crunch time. When and if their outside game comes along, Tech will be a legitimate post-season contender.

Texas

Coach: Tom Penders
 1991-92 record: 23-12
 SWC 11-3
 Returning Starters: 3
 Predicted Finish: 1st

By GREG RIDDLE
 TCU Daily Skiff

Texas coach Tom Penders may have discovered the Fountain of Youth last year.

Penders took a team with 11 freshmen and sophomores and guided them to a record of 23-12, a Southwest Conference co-championship and a spot in the NCAA Tournament.

Ah, to be eternally young.

But the best thing about freshmen is that they become sophomores. Scary words for the rest of the SWC after the havoc the Longhorn youngsters wreaked on the rest of the conference last season.

"We're going to be a very quick and athletic ballclub and we are going to have a lot more experience overall than we had last year," Penders said. "Last season, we were one of the youngest teams in the country in terms of chronological age. There is no replacement for maturity."

The Longhorns should be even more explosive this season with their TNT backcourt of Terrence Rencher (Rencher) and (B.J.) Tyler. All the freshman-sophomore combination did last year was become the third highest scoring tandem in Texas history. They trailed only the combined junior and senior campaigns of NBA first-round draft picks Travis Mays and Lance Blanks. In the Longhorns' 98-92 loss to Iowa in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, Rencher and Tyler combined for 52 points and hit 11-of-22 shots from three-point land.

"I am very comfortable with both of them," Penders said. "They have to play up to their potential if we are going to continue to be successful. I feel it is better if they make the decisions on the court as the game goes along. With B.J. it is like having a great quarterback. When he makes good decisions we have a great team."

All Tyler did in his first year with Texas after transferring from DePaul, was break nearly every school sophomore record. Tyler was the only Division I-A player in the nation to top 600 points (640) and 200 assists (229) last season, making him Texas' first "600-200" man ever. Tyler led the SWC in assists (6.5 per game), was second in steals (2.3 per game) and fourth in scoring (18.3 ppg).

"B.J. had a great sophomore year overall," Penders said. "He really learned how to run the offense and run the break. There is nothing he can't do offensively."

Combining with Tyler to form one of the nation's best backcourts, is sophomore guard Terrence Rencher. Rencher was a first-team all-SWC selection and was the SWC Freshman of the Year. Rencher was even named SWC Player of the Year by the *Dallas Morning News* after setting a SWC freshman scoring record with 648 points (19.1 ppg).

"Terrence, like Tyler, makes excellent decisions. He can feed the post or run the fast break," Penders said. "His outside shooting improved as the season went on and I think he can get better at that. His defense can improve and he needs to get stronger."

The Longhorns will probably feature a three guard lineup a lot of the time this year, due to some great depth in the backcourt. Swingmen Mike Richardson and Tony Watson return after posting great seasons off the bench last year. Richardson (7.8 ppg) can drive to the basket and score from inside, while Watson (8.6 ppg) led the SWC with a 42.9 percent success rate from three-point land. Both will probably see playing time at the small forward position, when Texas goes with a basic two guard lineup.

If the Longhorns have an Achilles Heel, it will be inside in the paint. Iowa muscled Texas right out of the NCAA Tournament by scoring at will inside. Don't look for things to get much better for the Longhorns this year. Texas lost two of their most physical players in Benford Williams and Dexter Cambridge, who combined for 37 points and 14 rebounds a game last year.

"I'm confident that someone will step forward, we've got too much athletic ability up front," Penders said. "Albert Burditt is 6-foot-8, but he plays like he is 6-10. He is a good rebounder and defensive player. But

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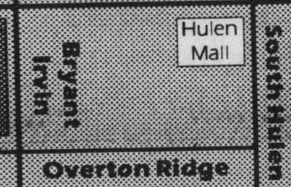
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Colby, Moncrief resident assistants receive award

By LISA MCKENNA
TCU Daily Skiff

It's Monday night in Moncrief Hall, but the fourth floor freshmen are not studying. They have gathered in the Bess E. Fish lounge for a "Monday Night Football" party, courtesy of their resident assistant, Jimmy Flint.

It's Thursday night in Colby Hall, but the first floor east girls aren't

two-stepping at Billy Bob's. They are meeting in RA Shalonda Brazzell's room to watch "Beverly Hills 90210."

Flint and Brazzell were chosen "RA of the Month" for October in recognition of these innovative programs, as well as the attitude and enthusiasm they bring to their jobs.

Brazzell, a sophomore nursing major from Weatherford, said she enjoys her RA position despite the responsibility.

"RAs have so many things to do," she said. "You have to learn how to handle all of your problems and your schoolwork, and still help others with their problems."

Colby Hall director Lynn

"RAs have an important role here at TCU. They do a lot that goes unnoticed. And they have a lot of responsibilities."

LYNN POINDEXTER,
Colby Hall director

Poindexter said Brazzell handles her responsibilities well.

"Shalonda is involved in many activities: ROTC, the Word of Truth gospel choir, and a demanding major," Poindexter said. "She balances all those things well, and is always cheerful."

Poindexter said Brazzell has made a positive impact on Colby and her residents.

"Shalonda gets to know all of her residents, not because it's her job, but because she cares so much about

people," she said.

Brazzell not only opened her door to residents without televisions with her "90210" program, but her floor also decorated and gave out candy to area children at the Colby Halloween party.

Flint's residents, who are mainly freshmen football players, said their RA has been more of a friend than anything else.

"His door is always open to me," said sophomore football player Robbie Smith. "I think I have a personal

relationship with Jimmy — he's more of a friend than an RA."

The week before Halloween, Flint took his residents to Hangman's House of Horrors. When one of his residents, Lenoy Jones, was chosen for the *USA Today* freshman All-American first team, Flint posted article on the floor bulletin board.

"Jimmy has really made an effort to get to know all of his residents," said Moncrief Hall Director Geoff Rich. "He also knows a lot of other residents as well. He's consistent, always exactly on time and has a great attitude."

Rich said Flint has also added to the hall's staff.

"He makes things exciting," Rich said. "For our staff development night, he brought along a game. He's always ready to contribute and happy to do his job."

Flint said he was surprised about winning the award.

"Being an RA has been a tough job," he said.

"I have tried to be a friend and not just a disciplinarian," Flint said. "I try to recognize their accomplishments and check up on them."

The only complaint Flint received on recent resident evaluations was that he "needed bigger bicep and tricep development."

"Obviously, this award makes me feel appreciated," he said. "RAs have a job that is criticized a lot. It's nice to have good things noticed too."

"RAs have an important role here at TCU," Poindexter said. "They do a lot that goes unnoticed. And they have a lot of responsibilities. This is a good program to show how much they are appreciated."

Brazzell said despite many responsibilities, she is enjoying the experience.

"I think it's so much fun," she said. "It's worth all of it."

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In the most fiery moment of his speech, he shot back at Congress speaker Ruslan Khasbulatov, who a day earlier said reforms had caused a "catastrophic decline in living standards."

Khasbulatov suggested Russia look to the socially oriented economies of Western Europe as a model, rather than to the American-style capitalist system.

Gaidar's supporters cheered when he said the choice "is not between Sweden and America."

It is between creating a "civilized market state" or sinking to the level of "Africa and Latin America," Gaidar said.

"We are not on a spacious square where we can stand and decide what way to take toward a radiant future," he said. "We are on a narrow footpath, and the task is not to step away from it."

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Albert can't get every rebound, so we need someone else to step forward."

Burditt averaged nearly seven points and nine rebounds a game last season, while setting a school record with 74 blocked shots. Burditt became one of the top defensive pivot men in the SWC last season, but must score more this season to make up for the loss of Williams and Cambridge.

"Offensively, I am going to look to score a lot more this year," Burditt said. "I've got to step my game up this year, but the other forwards must work together to fill the holes inside."

The Longhorns have three players who can help Burditt fill up the middle. Juniors Gerald Houston and Corey Lockridge saw limited playing time last year but should both see extensive time at the power forward spot. The biggest addition to the lineup will be freshman Sheldon

Quarles. Quarles was rated the top prospect in Texas and should see playing time at both forward and center.

If the Longhorns' inside game can provide some support for the offensive fireworks that Tyler and Rencher will provide, Texas could go a long way come NCAA Tournament time. If not, the Longhorns will still have enough firepower to add another SWC crown to their trophy case.

Texas opened the season Monday night with a 136-97 rout of Oral Roberts as Rencher, Tyler and Burditt all poured in over 20 points. Things won't be that easy for the Longhorns all year though. Texas faces a schedule that includes Princeton, North Carolina, Illinois, Oklahoma and LSU. Look for Texas to compete with the nation's best and make some noise when March Madness rolls around.

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using flash cards to study. "I quiz myself about material and if I know the answers, I know I am ready for the test," he said.

He college is much more fast-paced and high-pressured than high school, Sommers said.

Michael Brooks, director of the Center for Academic Services, said students can get through finals week easier if they follow a few simple survival tips.

Brooks said students should avoid "all-nighters." In general, students should not exhaust themselves in preparing for finals. Students should vary their subjects while they are studying. In addition, he suggested that students make sure they eat right.

Brooks also suggested students form study groups to prepare for their finals.

"Study groups can be helpful in filling in gaps in the material," he said. "The groups can also reduce the

stress and the isolation of studying alone."

Brooks also had some hints for taking multiple-choice and essay exams.

Students should not get hung up on one question on multiple choice tests, he said. Students should answer all the questions they do know and then go back and answer the ones they were unsure of.

"Sometimes the answer will be triggered in your brain by another question later in the test," he said.

On essay tests, Brooks said students need to take thirty seconds to make an outline to organize their thoughts for their answer.

Students should answer the question in the first paragraph and use the rest of the essay to develop their answer, Brooks said.

"You have to assume your professor will be bored and tired grading all these finals, and your test will be the

last one graded," he said. "You want to get off on the best foot with your answer."

The Center for Academic Services has several resources students can use to help prepare for finals, Zimmerman said. Students can check out the video "Where there's a will there's an A" and the book "Coping with Stress in College."

The center also offers a computer program to help students evaluate their study skills, she said.

"None of these offer a brand new way to study," Zimmerman said. "You may already know all of it, you just need to hear it."

If students missed the workshop "Preparing for Finals" offered by the center on Wednesday afternoon, they can meet with any of the counselors individually, Brooks said.

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