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## 'I Have a Dream' — Martin Luther King Jr.

MLK legacy remembered with holiday

By JENNIFER SCOTT  
TCU Daily Skiff

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.:

•Born on Jan. 15, 1929

•Graduated from Morehouse College in 1948, Drexel Theological Seminary in 1951, and Boston University Graduate School in 1955.

•Came to forefront of civil rights movement at the age of 27 during the Montgomery, Ala. bus boycott in 1955 and 1956.

•Joined a group of ministers in Atlanta, Ga., in 1957 to form the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) to revolutionize the status of blacks in the South.

•Delivered the "I Have a Dream" address at the Lincoln Memorial during the March on Washington in August of 1963.

•Became the youngest man to



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Members of the Baha'i World Faith Church wait to march in Saturday's Martin Luther King Day Parade in Dallas.

Activities, scholarships honor King

By JENNIFER SCOTT  
TCU Daily Skiff

Activities commemorating the birthday of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. will be held tonight beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Center Lounge.

The events will begin with a candlelight vigil and procession that ends in the Student Center Ballroom. A program featuring the Fort Worth branch of the choral group, the Original King Kids will follow at 7 p.m.

Black Student Caucus, Programming Council and the Office of Student Activities are sponsoring the events, which mark the second year that TCU has officially observed the holiday.

"I was pleased with the turnout last year," said Wanda Mosley, president of Black Student Caucus. "But I do hope that more students decide to participate."

In 1989, student and faculty protests began about the lack of an official holiday at TCU. They

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## Clinton quotes past, looks toward change in future

By MICHAEL ROWETT  
and SARAH YOEST  
TCU Daily Skiff

William Jefferson Clinton was sworn in as the 42nd president of the United States at 11 a.m. Fort Worth time Wednesday.

President Clinton's inauguration marked the beginning of a new era for America. Clinton will be the first Democrat in the White House since Jimmy Carter was defeated by Ronald Reagan 12 years ago.

Clinton's inaugural address evoked memories of Democratic presidents from the past, including his namesake, Thomas Jefferson, as well as John F. Kennedy, Jimmy Carter and Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

"Thomas Jefferson believed that to preserve the very foundations of our nation, we would need democratic change from time to time," Clinton said. "Well, my fellow Americans, this is our time. Let us embrace it."

Clinton called for Americans to make personal sacrifices for the health of their nation. "We know we have to face hard truths and

take strong steps," he said. "But we have not done so. Instead, we have drifted, and that drifting has eroded our resources, fractured our economy, and shaken our confidence."

The founding fathers knew that in order to endure, America must change, Clinton said. He championed that theme throughout his long campaign.

However, Clinton called for a different kind of change in his address: "Not change for change's sake, but change to preserve America's ideals...though we march to the music of time, our mission is timeless."

The reaction to Clinton's speech on campus was generally favorable, with several students and faculty noting his call for opportunity as well as responsibility.

"The speech sounded themes of responsibility as well as benefits," said Spencer Tucker, history department chairman. "As long as the pain is equally shared, people will rally to it."

There was nothing especially memorable about Clinton's speech, but it served its purpose, Tucker said.

"It was low key, but effective," he said.

The best thing about the speech was that it demonstrated Clinton's understanding of America and how change should be brought about, said Carolyn Durham, associate professor of Spanish.

"The speech charted a course," she said. "It talked about making change work for you instead of just letting it happen."

The speech not only outlined America's problems, but offered hope as well, said Jeff Carruth, president of TCU's Young Democrats.

"I liked the tone it set," he said. "We realize our problems, but there's a great future in sight, with government being part of that future."

College Republican G.T. Barden disagreed.

"I thought it was good, but he wavered again," Barden said. After Clinton said that government's responsibility was to help its citizens back on their feet, Barden said, the president insisted that Americans work hard to advance themselves.

"In my opinion, that tells people that they don't have to get off their butts," Barden said.

Barden doesn't believe that Clinton should receive credit for America's economic turnaround.

"The economy has been turning

around as is," Barden said. "He shouldn't get credit for that. As statistics have shown, the so-called recession has been over since March 1991."

Barden explained that an economic comeback was inevitable.

"As any economist will tell you, the economy moves in cycles," Barden said. "Following a peak there will be a trough in the economic cycle, and the trough we have seen in the late 1980s and early '90s will be followed by better economic times."

Clinton called for American renewal throughout the speech, emphasizing the economic obstacles that must be conquered to achieve this renewal.

"We must do what no generation has done before," he said. "We must invest more in our own people, in their jobs and in their future, and at the same time cut our massive debt. And we must do so in a world in which we must compete for every opportunity."

"So today, we pledge an end to the era of deadlock and drift — and a new season of American renewal has begun."

## No hickeys

Company wants marks covered

By LYNN ELBER  
Associated Press

Show a hickey, lose a day's pay. That's the new policy at a Southern California medical company that has banned those telltale marks of passion as unprofessional.

Why kiss off workers branded by love bites?

Because colleagues and patients complained, the Brawley, Calif.-based Clinicas de Salud Del Pueblo Inc. says.

"They were visible and no effort was made to cover them," said Diana Tamez, personnel manager for the 115-employee firm in Imperial County, near the U.S.-Mexico border.

Hickeys long have been fodder for teen-age teasing. The Fox TV series "Beverly Hills, 90210" had character Brandon Walsh (Jason Priestly) suffer his friends' jabs after getting a hickey in a 1991 episode.

No snide remarks from adults, please. Even they react to the signs of zealous kissing, said Dr. Mark Goulston, assistant clinical professor of psychiatry at the University of California, Los Angeles.

"Someone with a low sex drive

may look at it as a bruise. Someone with a lot of sex on their mind will look at a hickey as if they're watching Sharon Stone in 'Basic Instinct,'" Goulston said.

The new policy, approved last month by Clinicas' board of directors, requires that workers sporting hickeys be sent home without pay. They may return when the hickey is gone or covered up, Tamez said.

Although the problem wasn't widespread at its three health care clinics, Clinicas formalized the rule to avoid misunderstandings and improve compliance, Tamez said by telephone Wednesday.

A few workers objected when the policy was introduced during a staff meeting last week. "They said, basically, 'Isn't what we do on our time our business?'" Tamez recounted.

"We don't disagree with that at all," she said. "But at 8 or 9 o'clock, when they come in and don't meet certain standards of professionalism, then it's something we have to deal with."

People who show hickeys may be displaying a rebellious streak, too, Goulston said.

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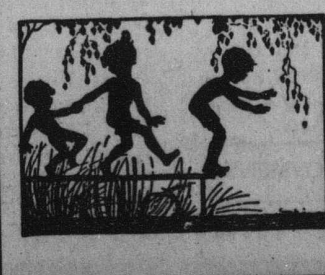
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### METROPLEX

Today's weather will be  
mostly sunny with a high  
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Friday's weather will be  
warmer, with a high temperature  
of 66 degrees.



## TCU loses academic counselor to eastern Ivy League school

By R. BRIAN SASSER  
TCU Daily Skiff

One of the founders of the Center for Academic Services is leaving TCU to become an administrator at Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H.

Teoby Gomez, a senior academic counselor, will serve as an assistant dean of students and a class dean at the Ivy League school. Those positions are a combination of TCU's dean of students and the dean of AddRan College of Arts and Sciences.

As a class dean, Gomez will work closely with new students, following the students from their freshman year until their graduation. As assistant dean of students, Gomez will handle academic and disciplinary problems.

Gomez said the new position provided a great opportunity to move up the career ladder and to build relationships with his new students.

Gomez has been at TCU for six years and, along with Roberta Corder and his wife Gail Zimmerman, was a catalyst in creating the CAS.

As an academic counselor, Gomez advised students and taught one of the center's self-assessment and

career exploration classes. In addition to teaching the class, Gomez taught faculty training sessions for other teachers of the class.

Gomez advised undecided athletes and students at risk. He also organized advisement at summer orientations.

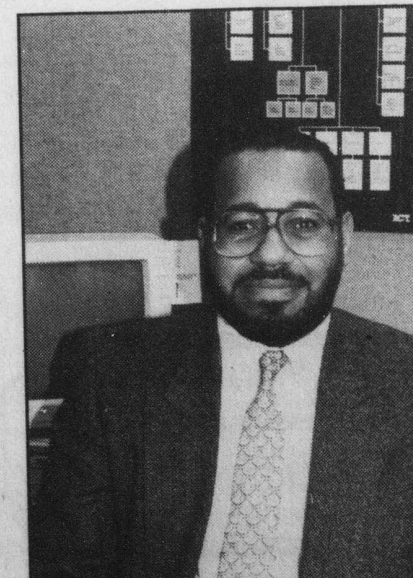
"He likes to be busy," Corder said. Gomez said his advising style is "developmental," discussing career goals as well as scheduling classes.

"One of the unique things about this office is helping with career planning," Gomez said. "When a student is interested in history, we don't only discuss taking History 1613, but we talk about what the student could do with a history degree after they graduate," he said.

Gomez also organized study skills programs and other sessions aimed at improving a student's study habits once he or she began taking classes.

Gomez said he will miss the relationships that he had with the students, as well as the friendships he has made with his colleagues.

Center Director Michael Brooks said that Gomez was an integral part in the creation of the center and its development.



Teoby Gomez

"We will definitely miss his contributions (to the center) and expertise," Brooks said.

"Dartmouth is lucky to get him," Corder said. "They will find they have made an excellent choice," Corder said.

Brooks has not yet announced a replacement for Gomez.

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## CAMPUSlines

**Australian Choral Concert** to be performed at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 25 at Ed Landreth Auditorium. Admission is free. Call 921-7602.

**New Student Chapter of the IABC** (International Association of Business Communicators) is holding an informational meeting Thurs. Jan. 28 at 5:30 p.m. in Moudy 289S. For students interested in communication professions.

**The Multiple Sclerosis, Bank One Super Cities Walk** throughout the TCU campus will be held April 3, 1993. Food, entertainment, and other festivities will be provided. Check in is at 7:30 a.m. The walk starts at 9:00 a.m. Length of the walk is 9.3 miles, or a mini-walk of 4 miles. Funds raised will go to multiple sclerosis research and services. Call the National MS Society at (817) 496-4475.

**Image Magazine** is seeking fiction submissions for the winter issue. They are looking for short stories that will be suitable for TCU students, faculty, and staff. Submissions must be no more than 3,000 words. They must be in standard manuscript format. Please include name, address, phone number, and social security number. Simultaneous submissions to the TCU Creative Writing Awards are welcome. (The Image and the awards program are in no way related.) A stamped, self-addressed envelope must be included for the submission to be returned. Payment will be made upon publication. Deadline is February 1, 1993. Call 921-7429 and ask for Stev or Elizabeth.

**Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship** TCU students interested in a career in math, natural sciences, or engineering are invited to apply. In order to be considered for a scholarship, students must be nominated by their university. To be eligible, students must be a current full-time sophomores or juniors and must be pursuing a baccalaureate degree, have a B average or equivalent, be in the top 25 percent of the class, and be a U.S. citizen, resident alien, or U.S. national. The deadline for all 1993 nominations is February 5, 1993. The scholarships will be awarded in May 1993. Interested sophomores and juniors should contact Dr. Priscilla W. Tate, Reed Hall 111.

## Correction

In yesterday's *Skiff*, it was reported that there are three historically African-American Greek organizations. There are four. The *Skiff* regrets the error.

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And people who see the small marks could be distracted by big fantasies.

"Anything visual that triggers our imagination makes us feel uncomfortable," he said. "The more it's connected to sex, the more it triggers the thought of naked bodies and sex and contact."

"It's tough to get it out of your mind and out of your sight and get back to concentrating on something else."

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Clinton delivers  
inaugural address

Associated Press

The following is a shortened version of President Clinton's inaugural address.

"My fellow citizens:  
Today, we celebrate the mystery of American renewal.

This ceremony is held in the depth of winter. But, by the words we speak and the faces we show the world, we force the spring.

A spring reborn in the world's oldest democracy, that brings forth the vision and courage to reinvent America.

When our founders boldly declared America's independence to the world and our purposes to the Almighty, they knew that America, to endure, would have to change.

Not change for change's sake, but change to preserve America's ideals — life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness. Though we march to the music of our time, our mission is timeless...

On behalf of our nation, I salute my predecessor President Bush for his half-century of service to America, and I thank the millions of men and women whose steadfastness and sacrifice triumphed over depression, fascism, and communism.

Today, a generation raised in the shadows of the Cold War assumes new responsibilities in a world warmed by the sunshine of freedom but threatened still by ancient hatreds and new plagues.

Raised in unrivaled prosperity, we inherit an economy that is still the world's strongest, but is weakened by business failures, stagnant wages, increasing inequality, and deep divisions among our own people.

We know we have to face hard truths and take strong steps. But we have not done so. Instead, we have drifted, and that drifting has eroded our resources, fractured our economy, and shaken our confidence.

Though our challenges are fearsome, so are our strengths. Americans have ever been a restless, questing, hopeful people. And we must bring to our task today the vision and will of those who came before us.

From our revolution to the Civil War, to the Great Depression to the civil rights movement, our people have always mustered the determination to construct from these crises the pillars of our history.

Thomas Jefferson believed that to preserve the very foundations of our nation, we would need dramatic change from time to time. Well my fellow Americans, this is our time. Let us embrace it.

Our democracy must be not only the envy of the world but the engine of our own renewal. There is nothing wrong with America that cannot be cured by what is right with America.

To renew America, we must be bold.

We must do what no generation has had to do before. We must invest more in our own people in their jobs and in their future, and at the same time cut our massive debt. And we must do so in a world in which we must compete for every opportunity.

It will not be easy; it will require sacrifice. But it can be done, and done fairly, not choosing sacrifice for its own sake, but for our own sake. We must provide for our nation the way a family provides for its children.

We must do what America does best: offer more opportunity to all and demand more responsibility from all.

It is time to break the bad habit of expecting something for nothing, from our government or from each other. Let us all take more responsibility, not only for ourselves and our families but for our communities and our country.

To renew America, we must revitalize our democracy.

This beautiful capital, like every capital since the dawn of civilization, is often a place of intrigue and calculation. Powerful people maneuver for position and worry endlessly about who is in and who is out, who is up and who is down, forgetting those people whose toil and sweat sends us here and pays our way.

Let us give this capital back to the people to whom it belongs.

While America rebuilds at home, we will not shrink from the challenges, nor fail to seize the opportunities, of this new world. Together with our friends and allies, we will work to shape change, lest it engulf us.

When our vital interests are challenged, or the will and conscience of the international community is defied, we will act — with peaceful diplomacy whenever possible, with force when necessary. The brave Americans serving our nation today in the Persian Gulf, in Somalia and wherever else they stand are testament to our resolve.

I challenge a new generation of young Americans to a season of service — to act on your idealism by helping troubled children, keeping company with those in need, reconnecting our torn communities. There is so much to be done — enough, indeed, for millions of others who are still young in spirit to give of themselves too.

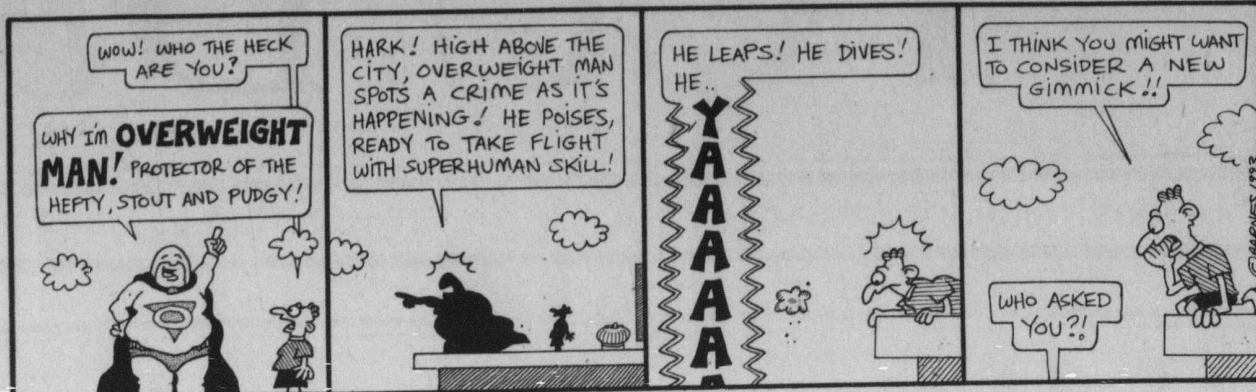
And so my fellow Americans, as we stand at the edge of the 21st century, let us begin with energy and hope, with faith and discipline, and let us work until our work is done.

From this joyful mountain top of celebration, we hear a call to service in the valley.

We have heard the trumpets. We have changed the guard. And now — each in our own way, and with God's help — we must answer the call."

## Insanity Fair

by Joe Barnes



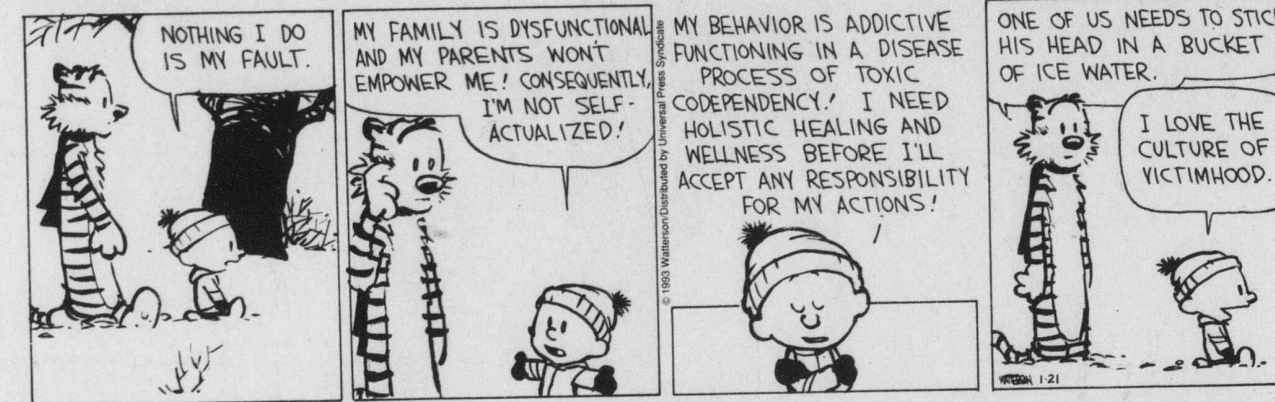
## Hemlock

by Andy Grieser



## Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



by JOYCE ILLSON

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Though the buddies you can count on want to help, it's a job you've got to do alone. A long bath and colorful dream will help you prepare for a big weekend that begins a new emotional cycle.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-Mar. 20). Those who've backed you in the past need a proper expression of gratitude. Procrastination is tempting, but you'll be glad if you get routine tasks completed today; you want to relax tomorrow.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Finish up, and by all means, fulfill obligations to the team. An unexpected business trip may come up, or you may be filling in for an absent one. Keep patience, and events turn out for the better in the end.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Get ready to make your move for advancement; if a friend needs a loan, you'll do your best to come through. Loyalty is more important

than any new contacts to be made now. A distant event brings change.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Super inventiveness is attracting attention from those who count. Follow-through is the key word today; you may get a pat on the back from one you admire greatly. It's almost time for plans to go forward.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Let your mate have the floor; you're smart enough to know when to cater to another's ego. A challenge from a pal may hurt your feelings, but it's not meant personally. Sagittarius cheers you.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Expensive objects you need can be found through classified ads and other unusual means. Saving is the subject when you and your mate sit down tonight. Have a Gemini show you how to work new machinery.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Don't let a child pull wool over your eyes; insist on seeing the teacher. New romance? It's up to you; make up your mind.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Ask your mother's advice in choosing new touches at home; you don't have to follow it, but it'll make her happy. Solid financial footing is much closer than before. Spiff up; the weekend is full of love.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A property purchase you've thought over carefully is about to be finalized; talk to experts. Amazing news is on the way. The trick today is to prioritize and focus. Don't let forces get scattered.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be the star of whatever show you're in today, especially if you're on the job and ready to be the trouble shooter at work. Exercise is one of your best meditative pursuits; work it in.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Let the family know you mean business about that home decision you made last week. Sweep out the old, and get ready for a marvelous weekend; hang out with positive thinkers, and good stuff happens.

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# Opinion

## 'Realistic change' proves new goal for new administration

I have just completed a fall semester internship in our nation's capital. It was truly a valuable and worthwhile experience. It opened my eyes to a variety of problems and issues surrounding our nation. Nevertheless, it was an experience that taught me more about government and politics than I probably cared to know, more than most of us probably care to think about at this age.

As I prepared to write my first opinion column of the semester, I found myself struggling to tackle only one issue. We certainly do not lack a plethora of topics that lend themselves to discussion: Somalia, the Cowboys' victory, Senator Ted Kennedy proclaiming to be the link between the government and the gay and lesbian community, Iraq, Hillary Clinton...



**ROCHAE SOPER**

nate to live in a nation where the transfer of authority from a leader to his successor is such a peaceful and accepted ritual.

As hard as I try, I cannot seem to turn my attention away from the number one topic filling the newspapers, radio waves and television stations—the inauguration of the 42nd president, 46-year-old, baby boomer Bill Clinton.

We are fortunate to live in a nation where the transfer of authority from a leader to his successor is such a peaceful and accepted ritual.

There are no riots; no one is asked to leave the country. The Clintons move in, the Bushes move back to Houston. Nonetheless, there is so much at stake when power transfers from one leader to another. Even more so is this the case in 1993 when for twelve years Republicans have inhabited the White House and controlled the executive branch.

At this point it is irrelevant to focus on the past: what George Bush could have and should have done to win the election, whether or not the media influenced the election outcome, or whether or not there was a mandate to elect Clinton. The fact is that we now have a new president, a new political party in the White House, and an entirely new administration calling the shots and making decisions that will

directly affect and influence each one of us.

It seemed to be that the key buzz word of the 1992 election was "change." People said they wanted change—change in the government, change in the administration, change in our society. But do not misinterpret what I am saying. Change is inevitable, necessary, important and appropriate in ours, as well as other societies. It is the degree and direction of change that needs to be carefully considered. Change for the sake of change accomplishes little. I would like to pose a modification to this buzz word and that is "realistic change."

The problems facing our nation did not arise overnight. They are not solely the result of one man's decisions nor are they the direct result of one administration's

influence. Many problems have been evolving for several years, some possibly have roots dating back as far as the Great Depression. The point I am arguing is that it is unrealistic to think or hope that all of our nation's problems will disappear overnight. These problems developed over a long period and only under careful, thoughtful and prudent planning will we begin to see their elimination.

On a final note, let me say "Good luck" to you, President Clinton. Our nation has placed many expectations on you, and I hope you are well prepared for all that awaits you.

Rochael Soper is a senior Political Science and Psychology major from Kimball, Nebraska.

## Christmas bliss turns into New Year's nightmares

Christmas vacation at the Gaillard homestead where all is peaceful and tranquil. From midnight to 6:45 a.m., that is.

The other 17-and-one-fourth hours, however, it resembles a horrifying combination of "Married With Children" and Bosnia in an arctic setting.

Don't misunderstand. Texhoma was a great place to grow up and I truly enjoy spending time with my family. Our fine old family farm and ranch allow me to come to school here and they pay for fajitas and beer whenever I want.

I'm grateful for all of this, but my visits home must become shorter if I want my family and me to keep from poisoning or shooting each other, or much shorter if we want to remain on speaking terms.

The visit started out pretty well. I came home ill and my mother made a big deal out of seeing that I had plenty of Coke and soup as well as a good supply of the most current movies that Texhoma Grocery had to offer. I was well by Christmas and we enjoyed a rather large delegation of relatives for the holiday festivities.

Things kind of floated along until just after New Years when my friends and I took our annual skiing and beer drinking trip to New Mexico (where several of us still have warrants for our arrests and thank-you notes from two breweries). There were no brushes with the law on this expedition, but I didn't come home unscathed. I donated some dishonest soul a very nice set of competition package rental skis. That amounts to a \$335 rental fee for four days of skiing.

It was when I returned home from skiing that things started to get a bit tense. My friends all left to go back to their colleges and I was left behind to play cards and watch television with my parents and my younger brother. There isn't much nightlife in a town that has only one spotlight.

The newness of my being home had completely worn off by that time, and I was wishing I was back in Fort Worth every time I stood in the snow and threw countless bales of hay to ungrateful cattle that made a run for Mexico the instant I opened the gate.

My little brother wasn't helping things at all. He is 16 years old, nine feet tall, bulletproof and perpetually in trouble. His report card, coupled with a minor drinking incident on a school trip to Denver made my last week-and-a-half rather interesting, but not the least bit fun. My father becomes Ivan the Terrible in Red Wings to everyone he knows when he's mad, sometimes for weeks at a time.

My younger brother isn't any worse than my older brother or me, but he has quite a bit to learn about not getting caught. Any high school hell-raiser can tell you that being good is much harder than not getting caught, but the youngest Gaillard brother hasn't seemed to have mastered either one at this point, and it really makes things tough for the rest of us.

My evenings had degenerated to the point where one night shortly before I left, I found myself laying on the couch watching a made-for-TV movie with my parents. I drank one beer and fell asleep with my glasses on around 8:30 and woke up as the credits were rolling. To my horror, I looked down to see that the top button on my dirty Levi's was unbuckled and my right hand was sticking down into the front of them about two inches. The month of vacation had turned me into my father.

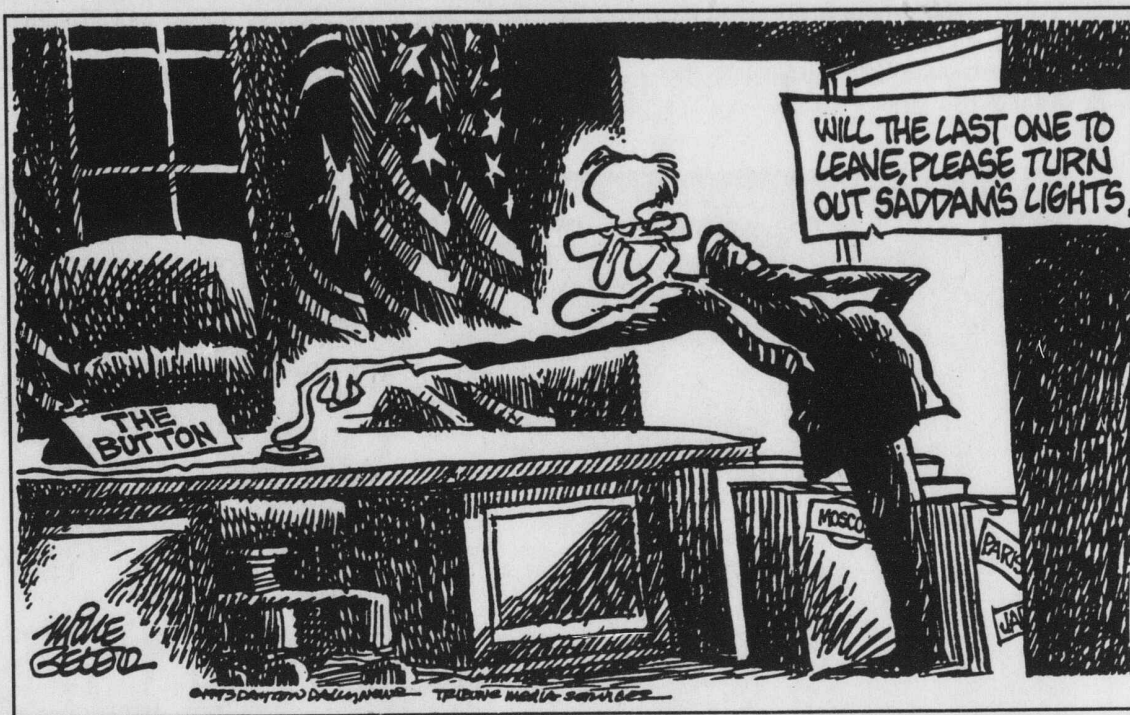
I had to get back to TCU before I started growing hair on my back.

As I cleaned out my room and decided what needed to be taken for my new apartment, I came across a box in my closet full of pictures of football and old friends, high school graduation programs, and other pieces for the scrapbook. Along with these things I found a single beer bottle, a Coors Winterfest 1987.

My car was warming up and my parents I stood in the front yard exchanging goodbyes when I handed them the empty bottle and told them to go easy on my brother—the bottle was one I had saved from my trip to Denver my sophomore year. I just hadn't gotten caught.

As I drove away laughing, I looked in the mirror at my folks. By the look on my dad's face, I'd say he was remembering some of those times when he was a kid and hadn't gotten either.

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### EDITORIALS

## Awareness

MLK Day events offer unique opportunity

The TCU community will honor the memory of Martin Luther King Jr. tonight with a candlelight walk and choral performance by the Fort Worth branch of the Original King Kids. All students, faculty and staff should turn out for the activities.

Three years ago, students told the administration we wanted an MLK Day at TCU. Many at that time felt there was too little awareness of African-American history and culture on this campus. For example, TCU offers no African-American studies program. Survey-type American history courses all too often end without having allotted sufficient time for study of the civil rights movement.

By participating in tonight's activities, we can fill in some of the gaps that may be lurking in our educational pasts.

Equally important, we can show Fort Worth a face of TCU that often seems to be in hiding. Tonight, you have the chance to say

that you take the concerns of the African-American community seriously—that you want more done for the improvement of racial harmony than the mere creation of a "task force." It's the opportunity to say you demand more than lip service, and that you want the recommendations of the Chancellor's Task Force on Minority Concerns acted upon, NOW.

The organizers of the events said that last year's turnout was good for the King Kids performance. However, few showed up for the walk held earlier that evening. Tonight, let's turn out in droves ready to let our lights shine.

MLK Day reminds us of much more than the value that all Americans, regardless of skin color, should be given equal access to opportunity. It reminds us that we must keep fighting social injustice, for their are causes to take up right here in our own back yard.

## Change

Solving America's problems begins at home

Throughout the presidential campaign and the subsequent transition period, Americans have spent a great deal of time hearing about and discussing the importance of change. Most of the time, we have concentrated on Bill Clinton and his role as a catalyst for that change.

Now, as the new administration gets down to business, it is vitally important that Americans start to look inward and begin to assess how we can contribute to changing the face of American society. The problems confronting the United States today do not rest solely on the shoulders of President Clinton. They also face each and every American—Republican, Democrat, young and old. This includes TCU students.

Sitting in a classroom and taking notes is only a small part of the educational process. Learning how to contribute to the world is just as important as any exam or paper that may occupy one's time and attention. And while no grades are issued for giving of oneself, this still provides valuable lessons for us all.

In his inaugural address, President Clinton called for greater volunteerism. TCU offers excellent opportunities for all members of the university—students, faculty, staff and administrators—to become involved in the community and world around us. There are literally hundreds of organizations that meet on this campus and each offers an avenue for involvement.

There are organizations dedicated to preserving the environment. There are organizations seeking to help the homeless and end world hunger. There are other organizations involved in the local community teaching people to read or tutoring underprivileged children. There are still other organizations active-

ly involved in politics. Wherever there is an interest or a need, there exists an organization on this campus trying to help.

But it is up to us as individuals to take the first step toward changing our society. Donating a small portion of one's time or resources costs very little, but reaps a large return.

The problems facing the nation are complex and far-reaching. Racism, AIDS, homelessness, education, and health care are not only impacted by the economic climate. These are also greatly affected by the social climate. But little progress will be made in any area if the people of this country are content with simply letting Bill Clinton propose plans and solve problems.

Our situation necessitates an active involvement and a deeper commitment on the part of the citizenry in order to achieve maximum progress on both the social and the economic front. It requires all of us to become active and work together as we move towards a brighter future.

The election of Bill Clinton as our 42nd president has given all Americans hope and optimism for a brighter tomorrow. But President Clinton cannot possibly solve all the problems facing us alone. However, if the nation can tap its infinite supply of human resources, progress will surely occur.

If you would like to get involved, simply find an organization you are interested in and volunteer. Some good places to look to find these outlets include Student Activities, University Ministries, and Helpline in the Skiff. Any of these resources can be used to identify places where you can help and where you can make a difference.

## Resolutions turn King's dreams into realities

Sharing ideas key to understanding

Wow! So much has happened since we last talked. This week started with a bang, literally. We've been bombing Iraq. President Clinton has been sworn in, the Cowboys are headed to the Super Bowl for the first time in years, and Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday is now being observed as a national holiday in all 50 states and even at TCU.

Such excitement to begin the semester. New beginnings. A new year.

The first of many events to occur on this campus will happen tonight at 7:00 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. A program featuring the Original King Kids will highlight and celebrate the late civil rights leader's birthday and the enormous contribution that he made to our country simply by having a dream. He dreamed that someday we could all live together, side by side, unified, harmoniously.

Now that we all have a day off, I think it is pertinent to know the significance of it all, especially during a time where the buzz words are pluralism, multiculturalism, globalism and diversity. Hearing these words on such a day-to-day basis seems to supersaturate us and eventually delude us—causing some to become immune and others to become just plain sick of all the talk.

TALK. Human beings just happen to be the one species that has a monopoly on the habit. We do a lot of it, and we do it well. We have diagnosed problem after problem oh so eloquently, but as a country and a community, we are trapped in a vicious cycle of the same old problems that have been plaguing society, the world and humankind for ages.

Many of us are dedicated to wanting to see situations change. Others are concerned, yet tired of hearing about it all. Still others really couldn't give a flying fig. That is why it will take the ones of us—red and yellow, black and white, male and female—that want to see the dream become a reality ACT on all this TALK.

The way I see it, humankind is blessed with a few profound dreamers about every 20 to 25 years. That would mean that upon the assassination of Martin L. King Jr. the hands of time are pointed directly to our generation. Our calling cries for us to leave our comfort zones and ACT on what we've envisioned—a society that is diverse and inclusive. It is up to us to make the dream a reality.

In the '50s and '60s, people had to march, sit-in and protest to gain attention and to get results. Now, it's 1993 and it's only a matter of striking up a conversation with someone who is different, sharing ideas and following through on those philosophies that we are so ready to blurt out at a given point. Ask questions. Educate yourself when no one else will.

I realize that it was this type of free thinking that cost Martin and Malcolm their lives, and it could do a little damage to your social life, but comparatively, it seems like such a small sacrifice. We've been dreaming with Dr. King for the last 25 years—it is past time to wake up and get moving.

So how's this for a New Year's resolution? Unpopular, yet sound and meaningful—more action on both sides of the coin...enough said.

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# News



## Iraq promises peace for Clinton era

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq gave George Bush one last sneer Wednesday, promising to rebuild a factory blasted by U.S. missiles and appearing to abide by a ceasefire offered to President Clinton.

U.S. planes were reported in the skies over Iraq, but military officials in Washington said there was no fire or provocations directed at American craft.

Saddam Hussein promised Tuesday to stop shooting at allied planes as "gesture of good will" toward Clinton, who took office Wednesday.

"The cursed criminal George Bush ended his ominous term today and departed for history's trash heap with his hands stained

with the blood of people aspiring to freedom," the official Iraqi News Agency commented.

Baghdad also said it would allow U.N. weapons inspection flights to resume without the conditions Iraq imposed earlier.

The 70-member U.N. inspection team will leave for Iraq on Thursday, U.N. regional chief Doug Englund said in Manama. The group includes the 25-member chemical weapons destruction team led by American Paul Brough.

Saddam ordered the reconstruction of the factory that was seriously damaged in an attack Sunday by U.S. Tomahawk cruise missiles, the Iraqi News Agency reported.



## Oscar-winning Audrey Hepburn dies

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Audrey Hepburn, the Oscar-winning actress known for her charm, high-fashion elegance and aristocratic bearing in films such as "Wait Until Dark," has died, the U.N. Children's Fund announced Wednesday. She was 63.

Hepburn, who had undergone colon cancer surgery last year, had been a longtime goodwill ambassador for the U.N. agency. She died in Switzerland, U.N. spokesman Joe Sills said.

"I never had this huge talent or a great technique," she once said of her acting ability. "But some-

how I have had something that contributed."

Miss Hepburn returned to her Swiss home, called Tolochenaz, on Lake Geneva after an operation for colon cancer last November.

She was born Audrey Hepburn-Ruston on May 4, 1929, near Brussels, Belgium. Her father, J.A. Hepburn-Ruston, was a banker of English-Irish ancestry, and her mother, Ella van Meerstra, a Dutch baroness. After her parents divorced, she was sent to a girls school near London.



## Lawmakers question school funding

AUSTIN (AP) — Senate Education Committee members questioned Wednesday whether their chairman's school funding proposal would pass muster with other lawmakers and a Texas Supreme Court that's demanded reform.

Sen. Bill Ratliff, who last week took over as Education head, said such questions are natural since the Supreme Court has three times thrown out school funding laws.

"All we can do is take our best shot," Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, said. "If they don't like this one, I'd like to see what they have to offer."

Ratliff said the committee may vote Friday.

Questions at a Wednesday hearing included whether the plan would allow unconstitutional funding disparities among school districts, and if the elimination of some special funding allotments would doom the measure in the House.

Ratliff's measure would continue the current "Robin Hood" system of school funding, in which some local school property tax money is redistributed within single or multi-county education districts, or CEDs.



## Church lots add more campus parking

University Christian Church and TCU have agreed that the church will permit TCU students, faculty and staff to park in its lots, according to Oscar Stewart, chief of Campus Police.

The TCU community can begin using the lots at this semester, Stewart said.

Stewart said that Campus Police will enforce all university traffic regulations in the church lots.

Illegally parked vehicles will be ticketed and subject to immediate towing at the owner's expense, he said.

According to Stewart, illegally parked vehicles include those not parked between marked lanes and those that are blocking other vehicles, parking lot driveways or entrances and exits.

Stewart said Campus Police may initially issue warning tickets until students, staff and faculty

become familiar with the new regulations concerning the church parking lots.

The lots will be open from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, he said.

According to Stewart, Campus Police will enforce university traffic regulations in the lots during the specified times and when the lots are locked at midnight each night.

In the event that a special event, such as a funeral or wedding, is scheduled by University Christian Church, the lots will not be available for TCU use, he said.

A TCU parking permit is not required to park in the church lots, Stewart said.

The agreement includes the parking lots at the corners of Rogers and McPherson Streets, Rogers and Cantey Streets and Cantey and University Streets, he said.

## Gift/ from page 1

receive the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 at the age of 35 in recognition of his non-violent philosophy.

•Assassinated on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tenn., by James Earl Ray.

•Bill signed by President Ronald Reagan establishing the holiday honoring King on Nov. 3, 1983, to go into effect in January of 1986. The bill didn't require compliance by the states, which set their own calendars.

•Martin Luther King Jr. Day appeared on the TCU University Calendar for the first time in January of 1992.

•All 50 states officially observed the holiday on Jan. 18, 1993, after Arizona citizens voted to reinstate the holiday.

## MLK Day activities/ page 1

escalated in the fall of 1990 and spring of 1991. As a result, several committees were established to hear complaints and make recommendations to the chancellor.

Articles in the Skiff reported that on April 16, 1991, the House of Student Representatives passed a bill to petition Chancellor William Tucker for an official university holiday recognizing King.

Later that month, Tucker announced that TCU would observe the holiday beginning in January 1992.

During tonight's program, seven recipients of the TCU Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarships will be introduced and honored.

The scholarships are awarded to any student who shows that their career plans will be spent in service to humanity and fulfilling the dreams of King.

The recipients of the awards are Larry Moreno, a senior accounting major; Thomas Phu, a junior history major; Krystin Tisch, a sophomore political science major; Sara Turman, a junior speech communication major; Crystal Valteau, a senior modern dance major; Lauren Lee, a senior psychology major; and Priscilla Shaw, a senior music education major.

Still, many students have complained that not enough is done to recognize the leader.

"I don't think enough has been done," said Deidra Crawford, secretary of Black Student Caucus and chair of the new Black History Month Committee of the Programming Council.

"Most people just see it as a day off and don't truly understand why the holiday is observed," she said.

Angela Wright, a junior journalism major, said that more education about King's life and beliefs is needed before students will be ready for more celebration.

"You would be surprised to know how many people don't know who he (King) was or what he stood for," Wright said. "A lot of people said 'Why do we have to have a holiday for black people,' and if they knew anything about him they would know that he was for all people."

Mosley agreed that more education was needed, but that the best solution was somewhat of a dream.

"I think an African-American studies department would help a great deal," she said. "But I can't see TCU taking that big of a step."

Wright and Crawford both agreed that the candlelight vigil and program are steps in the right direction in educating the TCU campus about King's life.



Holiday observers voice their enthusiasm at the Martin Luther King march held in Dallas Saturday.

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# Sports

## Ponies buck TCU 79-65

By WILLIAM HATFIELD  
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What a difference a year makes. With four senior starters last year, the TCU Horned Frogs basketball team soared to 23 wins while the young SMU Mustangs sagged along to a 10-18 record.

But the basketball fortunes of the Metroplex rivals have taken different paths this season.

The Mustangs, starting five seniors, controlled both the offensive and defensive boards and answered every TCU run in a 79-65 victory over the Frogs Wednesday night before a crowd of 3,266 people at

Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

The Southwest Conference victory improved the Ponies record to 10-4 overall and 3-0 in the SWC. TCU, struggling with injuries and inexperience, fell to 3-10 for the season and 0-3 in conference play.

SMU's inside strength and dominance of the boards frustrated the Frogs throughout the game.

"If you're a major college basketball team and you won't rebound the ball and can't hit a free throw, you aren't going to win. It's that simple," said TCU head coach Moe Iba.

The Frogs were murdered on the boards by the bigger Ponies 54-40 and only shot 33 percent from the charity stripe.

When TCU did manage to make a couple of brief runs at the Mustangs in the second half, the maturity of the senior-dominated Ponies shined.

Twice TCU got within two points of SMU. After chipping away at an 11-point halftime deficit, the Frogs closed to 43-41 on Myron Gordon's tip-in of a missed layup. For the first time in the contest, the Frogs were on their feet.

But three-year SMU starter Mike Wilson knifed through the Frog defense on the Ponies next possession and converted a conventional 3-



TCU Daily Skiff/Jennifer Biggins  
TCU freshman center Byron Waits and junior forward Eric Dailey battle for a rebound during the Frogs 79-65 loss to SMU last night at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

point play to start a 13-3 Mustang run.

"You have to give SMU a lot of credit," Frog forward Allen Tolley said. "They responded like a veteran team should. They answered every one of our challenges tonight."

Even worse for the Horned Frogs was Tolley drawing his fourth foul on the play.

With both Tolley and Eric Dailey saddled with four fouls, SMU pulled away to another big lead.

TCU fell behind 60-47 before making one last run at SMU. After Dailey, who poured in 14 points for the Frogs, hit a jumper from the free throw line, the Frogs found themselves only down 64-58 with over 6 minutes left to play.

Yet SMU refused to fold. Wilson, the game's leading scorer with 22 points, hit a jumper to stop the Frogs run. TCU would get no closer than 8 points the rest of the game.

"Our missed free throw opportuni-

ties and getting beat on the boards was a really big difference in this game," Gordon said.

The Mustangs took advantage of their inside strength early. SMU's 6-11 center Greg Kinzer pulled down 10 rebounds and scored 10 points in the first half as the Ponies jumped to a quick 19-9 lead. TCU battled back to within five at 31-26 before a late Mustang run gave SMU a 41-32 cushion at halftime.

## Lady Frogs lose at SMU

From staff reports  
TCU Daily Skiff

The TCU women's basketball continued its downhill slide Wednesday night with an 86-82 loss at SMU before 569 fans at Moody Coliseum.

The Lady Frogs blew a 21 point first half lead in losing for the seventh time in nine games. Freshman Kim Brungardt scored the final eight points for the Mustangs, including the four decisive free throws in the final 33 seconds. With the heart-breaking loss, the Lady Frogs fell to 7-7, 0-4 in SWC. SMU improved to 7-3, 1-2 in SWC. The loss marked the 29th straight defeat in Southwest Conference play for TCU.

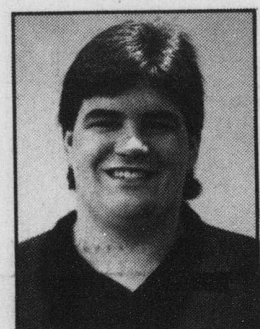
"We missed a lot of layups tonight," said TCU forward Janelle Hunter, who finished the game with 16 points. "We've got to worry about putting the ball in the hole and not worry about getting fouled."

After TCU blew a 51-34 halftime lead, the game turned into a seesaw affair that saw five lead changes and three ties in the final seven minutes. The turning point in the game came with 3:53 remaining when TCU senior guard Rachel Hesse fouled out. Hesse was the sparkplug for the Lady Frogs all game long with 13 points and seven steals.

"It really hurt us when we lost Rachel," said TCU head coach Fran Garmon.

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conference	W	L	W	L	season
Rice	4	0	9	4	
Houston	3	0	10	2	
SMU	3	0	10	4	
Baylor	2	1	10	3	
Texas Tech	0	2	8	5	
Texas A&M	0	2	5	9	
TCU	0	3	3	10	
Texas	0	4	6	7	

## The good, the bad and the ugly



Ty Benz

Well, I think I've seen all the sports world has to offer over the holidays...the good (the Cowboys exciting 30-20 playoff victory over the 49ers, even though I lost \$5 on the game)...the bad (I watched the Mavericks play - no I didn't pay for the ticket, someone gave me a ticket as a X-Mas gift, hum...some gift, I've seen better basketball at the YMCA)...and the ugly (the Oilers officially becoming the NFL's biggest chokers when they blew a 32 point lead against the Bills in Buffalo).

But enough of the holiday spirit, it's time to hit the grapevine, starting with the NFL.

Now that the Bears have picked Cowboys defensive coordinator Dave Wannstedt as their coach, their rebuilding job could go quickly because Chicago does have a capable defense. The big problem

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is that Dante Jones must be able to fill the void left by retired middle linebacker Mike Singletary, or teams will be able to run at will against the Bears. The offense is another story, because the Bears have no speed at all. This should be the No. 1 priority for Wannstedt and company.

The people in 'Frisco are crying out for the return of quarterback Joe Montana despite Steve Young's performance this year, playoffs included. All Young did was throw for over 3,000 yards, win the league's MVP award and throw for over 300 yards in the NFC Championship game. If the Niners don't turn it over all those times then it's another story. But back to Montana. Don't these people realize that Joe's glory is in the past, not the present or future. He's not even San Francisco's second best QB now (poor Steve Bono, he could start for a lot of teams. Expect him to leave via free agency). It's time for Joe to take his backup role quietly because owner Eddie DeBartolo will not

trade him because of the PR flaps he's had in the past with Ronnie Lott and Roger Craig leaving via Plan B. Also, right now Young is simply the better quarterback, and that's why he should remain the starter.

Rolling on to the baseball winter meetings and other news.

The news is positively rosy in Detroit as the Tigers have a chance to make a run at the AL East title after new owner Mike Utlich's shopping spree. First, Utlich went out and signed Oakland workhouse pitcher Mike Moore, who becomes the new ace of the Tigers staff. Then he built a starting rotation by adding free agents Bill Krueger and Tom Bolton to go along with aching Bill Gullickson, who's won 34 games the past two years with Detroit, but will miss the first month of the season recovering from knee and shoulder surgery. But the smartest thing Utlich did was resign Tiger mainstays Lou Whitaker, Alan Trammell (who'll be moving to center field), leadoff hitter Tony Phillips and the big man in the Tigers lineup, first baseman Cecil Fielder. The Tigers will have the best lineup in baseball and now have an average pitching staff to go with it.

The Rangers should open a retirement home not a new stadium because they added a ton of gray-beard pitchers to their staff. First you start with the ageless Nolan Ryan who still throws gas when he's not on the DL. Then there's stopper Tom Henke, who must be properly used (one inning only please or my elbow will hurt) and Charlie Leibbrandt, who is a fine pitcher until the World Series. The Rangers should get a fine year from him because the only way they are going to the Series is to buy a ticket. The staff looks good, but the heat could wear them down late in the season and the DL should be a common sight.

Former Red Sox, Minnesota, Montreal and Atlanta stopper Jeff "The Terminator" Reardon has landed in Cincinnati's minor league system. That's what happens when you lead the league in blown saves and then give up a game winning homer in the World Series. Better yet is the fact that Reardon has to shave his famous beard because the Reds don't allow facial hair on their players. Wonder if they allow blown saves?

On to the NBA and the mouth that roared. Phoenix forward Charles Barkley opened his mouth again, and as usual got in trouble again. This time Barkley didn't just talk, this time he had to be held back by his teammates or else he might have killed the refs who didn't call a foul (remember he's a star, right?) during the last seconds of the Suns loss to the Knicks in

New York. The NBA fined Barkley \$10,000 and suspended him for a game without pay, which costs him a lot more than his fine.

The Mavericks finally put poor Richie Adubato out of his misery and canned him. Richie's problem was that he couldn't figure out that it is all right to lose. Remember, that's the Mavericks way.

I just have one question for Quinn Buckner. Why? Why would you even consider joining on as Dallas' head coach and step into this mess. The Mavs will be terrible until owner Donald Carter butts out and lets the general manager do his job. Of course I don't know if I'd have faith in Norm Sonju and Rick Sund either, the three of them are like Moe, Larry and Curley. Unfortunately for Dallas, they run the Mavs. If I was Buckner I would avoid the Mavs like the plague.

Chicago Bulls head coach Phil Jackson gets my vote for coach of the year with the job he's doing with the Bulls. Both Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen are feeling the Olympic blues and their outside shot has left them. Despite their subpar play and a bench that is the worst in the NBA, the Bulls are leading the Central Division. However, unless they get their act together soon, it could be an early exit from the playoffs for Chicago.

Underneath all the hoopla surrounding the Jordan's, Drexler's and Ainge's, the best guard in the NBA right now is the Pistons' Joe Dumars. He's averaging over 23 points, six assists and three steals a game while constantly playing tight defense. It's a shame that all the print in Detroit has been about troubled forward Dennis Rodman because Dumars is worthy of a lot of praise and another All-Star berth.

Finishing with college hoops and the two-time defending NCAA champions, the Duke Blue Devils. It doesn't appear likely that the Devils will make it a three peat because their inside game is just not doing the job. Center Cherokee Parks is doing a good job taking Christian Laettner's place, but isn't a go to guy. The result is a lot of outside jumpers and the legs get tired late in the game which results in poor shooting. Duke has shown to be very vulnerable so far this year.

Finishing with the SWC...the torch has been passed this season to Rice and Houston thanks to Texas' academic problems. Three starters are gone due to injury or suspension. Get out the charcoal and barbecue sauce because you can roast the 'Horns over the fire and serve the steaks because they are done. Only a postseason miracle at the SWC Classic can save them.



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After a 5-0 start, the TCU women's basketball team entered Wednesday night's game at SMU with a record of 7-6. Guard Andrea Boris (32) has been one of the mainstays for the Lady Frogs this season, providing some scoring punch with her outside shooting.

## Schott responds to racist charges

By JOHN NOLAN  
Associated Press

Cincinnati Reds owner Marge Schott formally responded Wednesday to allegations that she made racial and ethnic slurs, submitting her evidence to the National League lawyer in New York.

Schott, accused of slurring blacks, Jews and Asians, is to meet Friday with baseball's executive council at Grapevine, Texas. The four-person committee investigating Schott gave its findings to her lawyer, Robert Bennett, on Dec. 22.

The executive council, which has ruled baseball since Sept. 7 in the absence of a commissioner, has the power to suspend Schott or fine her up to \$250,000. Bennett did not return telephone calls Wednesday and NL counsel Robert Kheel refused comment.

The investigating committee,

comprised of NL president Bill White, American League president Bobby Brown, Pittsburgh Pirates director Douglas Danforth and California Angels executive vice president Jackie Autry, was appointed Dec. 1 by the executive council, which has ruled the major leagues since Fay Vincent's forced resignation as commissioner on Sept. 7.

A lawsuit by a former Reds employee brought attention to allegations Schott repeatedly used racial slurs against blacks, including some of the Reds' ballplayers. Schott has denied some allegations, confirmed others and apologized for her remarks. Bennett has said Schott didn't behave differently than other owners.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson has threatened to organize pickets at selected ballparks on opening day unless Schott is disciplined and all 28 major league teams develop affirmative action programs.

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# News

## Ropes course to promote teamwork

By R. BRIAN SASSER  
TCU Daily Skiff

Students needing a challenge can now climb their way to learning, bonding, and having fun.

TCU Project Challenge is designed to give individuals a sense of community, while encouraging teamwork within a group. The low elements ropes, or challenge, course is located on the west side of Amon Carter Stadium, next to the lower parking lot.

"The course creates challenges that can be used to break down barriers within a group and build confidence in an individual," said Steve Cummins, an alcohol and drug education program specialist.

Under the guidance of a trained facilitator, groups use communication skills and problem solving techniques to achieve a particular goal.

The facilitator takes into account potential goals of the groups, creates

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a story and incorporates group discussions to establish a learning environment for the specific targets.

This "experiential learning," or adventure education, transfers the knowledge learned on the challenge course to everyday life.

Group members use the experience to develop a common bond that can be used to build the group into a cohesive unit.

Individuals can benefit by being a

part of a group and by building confidence and self-esteem.

Similar challenge courses have been built and used nationwide.

Universities such as Texas A&M and Texas Tech have challenge course facilities. Corporations as varied as Chili's, GTE and Johnson & Johnson also use similar courses.

"The courses have been used by therapeutic clinics, for corporate staff development or just to have a fun outdoor experience," Cummins said.

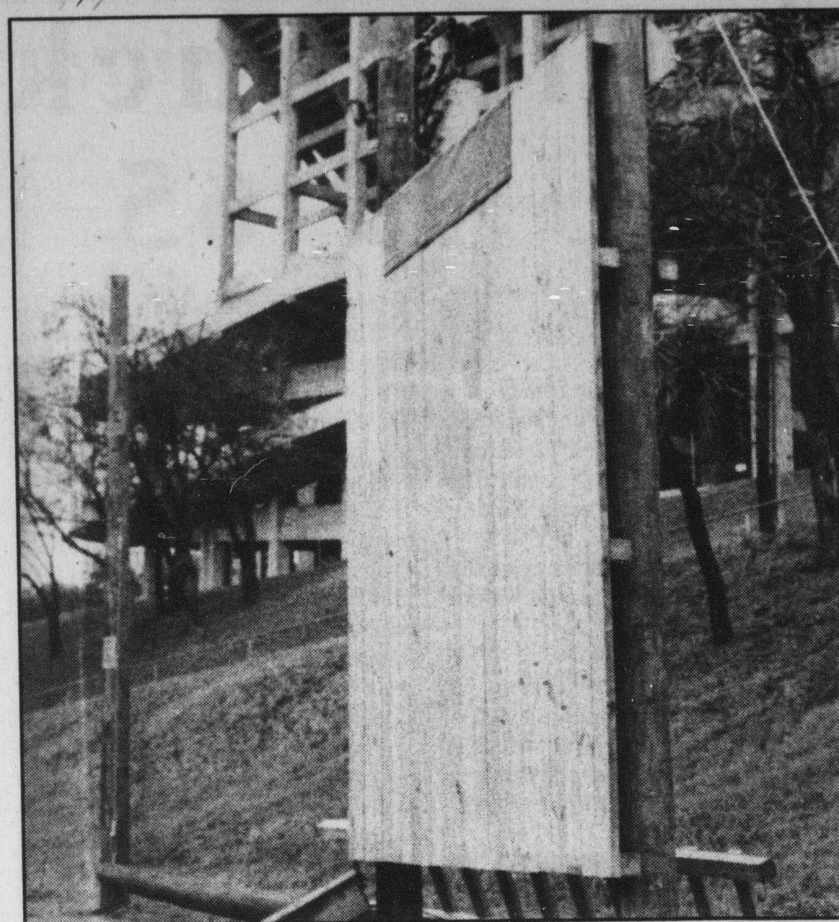
Cummins said teamwork and individual confidence are goals of the course, but the main objective is to have fun.

"The course gives the group the opportunity to have a really fun learning experience," Cummins said.

Cummins said that the course experience usually takes about half a day and that most groups contain eight to 15 people. However, larger groups can be split up into smaller

**The new ropes course behind Amon G. Carter Stadium includes a 14-foot wooden wall.**

Photo by Catherine Fuss



groups, Cummins said.

Cummins said a group of 10 students, faculty and staff completed a 40-hour certification session last week and are ready to work as facilitators.

The TCU House of Representatives approved a bill to build the \$6,000 challenge course last semester.

Groups wanting to use the challenge course may make reservations by calling the Alcohol and Drug Education Program.

## Recruiting program combs country in search of new students

By DANI KUNKLE  
TCU Daily Skiff

When it comes to recruiting new students, members of the TCU Today program go all out—literally. In the months before application deadlines each year, faculty and students involved in the organization travel around the country to give approximately 40 information sessions to high school students and their parents.

The program, which began in the early '70s, is designed to take TCU to prospective students, said Michael Cappo, TCU Today coordinator.

The TCU Today program takes current students and university representatives to high school students' hometowns.

"Through these programs, we try to give prospective students a feel for TCU away from the campus," Cappo said.

The information sessions are con-

centrated in the spring to heighten interest in TCU when college application deadlines are pending. However, a few programs are given in the fall to encourage application before TCU's scholarship deadline.

Invitations are sent to selected students a few weeks before a program is given in their area. Sometimes University Relations also releases press announcements in the area to increase attendance.

"When I was a senior in high

school, I attended one of the TCU Today programs and was very impressed by it," said sophomore Grete Holt, a speaker for TCU Today. "Being able to talk one on one with current students helps you to get a feel for the university."

Program participants can see a video about TCU and listen to brief speeches by students and faculty. Prospective students also benefit by getting more personal contact with the admissions officer who will be

reviewing their applications.

Personal follow-up letters are then sent by the TCU students and faculty members who led each program to those prospective students who attended each program.

About 50 to 75 TCU students who are sophomores or above are accepted into the program each year. Students may apply for the position of either featured speaker or host. Featured speakers like Holt present short speeches at the programs. Hosts

from TCU are available during the sessions to answer individual questions from students and parents.

Students must apply for the program each year by giving a 3- to 5-minute speech to program directors.

"In selecting students, we look for those who really believe in the school," Cappo said. "We need individuals who are well-involved on campus and can relate to a greater number of prospective students and their interests."

## Owings to perform Beethoven sonatas

By BEN JOHNSON  
TCU Daily Skiff

Beethoven lovers can hear all 32 of the composer's piano sonatas in a concert series beginning tonight and running through Feb. 15.

John Owings, coordinator of piano studies, will perform all 32 of Beethoven's piano sonatas in the recital series. Owings said he chose to perform Beethoven's sonatas because he has always loved playing the composer's works.

"Not only do I get to play some of my favorite music, but also the audience members get such a perspective on the development of Beethoven," Owings said.

Owings said the sonatas give an insight to Beethoven's own thoughts and feelings as well. "Beethoven's sonatas represent his whole life, from his youth to the later years," he said.

Fiona Barriac, a sophomore piano performance/pre-med major, said she thinks the recitals will be a "wonderful" interpreta-

tion of Beethoven's music.

"Not everyone can play all of Beethoven's sonatas," Barriac said. "It should be a great way to experience Beethoven's works."

This is not Owings' first experience with the sonatas. In 1977 he performed a similar recital series to honor the 150th anniversary of Beethoven's death.

That summer, Owings went to Europe to visit the composer's birthplace in Bonn, Germany, and to see the original manuscripts of the sonatas. While he was there, he played the last piano Beethoven owned.

Owings said that the experience was very beneficial in his study of the famous composer.

"All of that gave me a deeper understanding of Beethoven," Owings said.

The recitals will be held Jan. 21, 28, Feb. 4 and 15 at 7:30 p.m. in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium, and Jan. 24, 31 and Feb. 7 at 3 p.m. in TCU's University Theatre. The series is free to the public.

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