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## Dieters search for solutions to weight problems

By BETH AINE BOLLINGER  
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Another chapter in the weight loss war opens. The battle has begun for people who have made New Year's resolutions to lose the weight gained over the holidays or shed a few extra pounds.

People who have tried going off and on diets for the past month with little success are losing hope right about now, said Barbara Meier of Weight Watchers of Fort Worth.

"Most people usually stay on a diet for two weeks," she said. "The key to weight loss success is a permanent change in lifestyle."

Eileen Goldstein, a TCU nutritionist, said

people need to moderately decrease their caloric intake while increasing their aerobic exercise. Metabolism is not slowed down, but more calories are used than are taken in to the body.

Decreasing your caloric intake to less than 1,200 each day causes your body to go into its starvation mode. Starvation mode slows down metabolism drastically, making it even harder to lose weight, she said.

Goldstein suggests several simple ways to cut back on your caloric intake while keeping healthy eating habits.

Cutting back on the amount of fat in your diet cuts down on the number of calories in your diet. One gram of fat contains nine calories while one gram of either protein or carbohydrates contains only four calories.

By cutting back on the grams of fat that you take in daily, you halve the number of fat calories.

By reducing the amount of fat you take in by one teaspoon daily, you can lose five pounds in one year.

For people who are too busy to implement these suggestions into their daily lives, there are many organized weight loss programs available.

The Jenny Craig program is one of the more popular weight loss programs used today. That program emphasizes group meetings to help keep its members on track to reach their weight loss goals.

"The main thing is to decide that you are ready to do it," said Mary Silverstone, a Jenny Craig senior executive. "It helps you



to stay committed."

Jenny Craig success stories are shared in group meetings and encourage dieters to

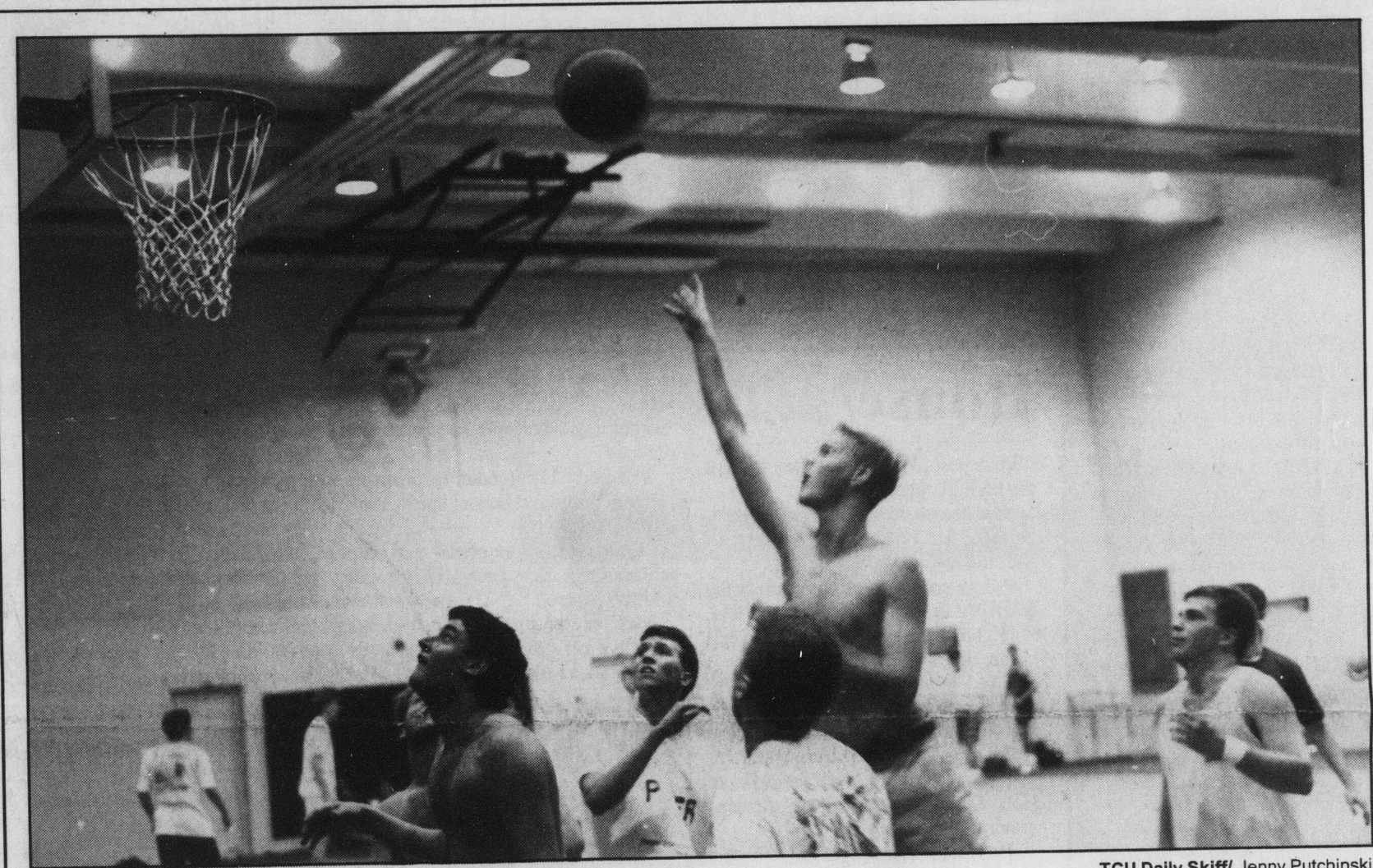
stay on their programs.

"The success stories help keep them on the program," Silverstone said. "The group helps keep them steady."

Jenny Craig members attend class sessions on how to gain control of their diets and how to maintain healthy eating habits. Some of the tips given in the classes include asking for salad dressing on the side.

NutriSystem also has classes for dieters and schedules them both in the morning and in the evening so that dieters can attend classes around their work schedules.

Classes meet once or twice a week, but dieters' success doesn't depend on their class attendance. It depends on their adherence to NutriSystem's guidelines.



David Rotermond, a junior psychology major, and other members of the Beta Upsilon Chi fraternity play basketball in the Rickel Building Saturday as part of their rush activities.

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## 1993 brings new officers

By ANDY GRIESER  
TCU Daily Skiff

Almost a week after power changed hands in the United States government, a new administration was sworn in for the TCU House of Student Representatives.

Outgoing student body president Ben Walters passed the gavel to Matt McClendon, a junior marketing major, at 5 p.m. Tuesday, the House's first meeting of Spring 1993. McClendon then swore in Scott McLinden, vice president; Chris Hightower, vice president for programming; Mike Henry, treasurer; Jennifer Schooley, secretary; and Anitha Nair, administrative assistant.

The focus of the annual House-sponsored retreat has changed this semester, McLinden told the representatives.

"In the past, it's been a leadership retreat with just leaders going, but now ... everybody can go," he said. "So in effect it'll be an all-campus retreat. All-inclusive, all-campus, you know?"

The retreat's theme will be "finding a job, basically, 'cause it's kinda hard to find a job these days," McLinden told the House. "We wanted to have speakers that would cover all areas of careers."

"We hope to have representatives from Fortune 500 companies to meet students, pass out literature and talk about jobs," he said.

Topics will include job hunting, resume and cover letter writing and where to go to get help finding jobs, McLinden said. Speakers have been scheduled from areas such as banking, computers, education, engineering, government, health care, industry, non-profit organizations and travel, he said.

McLinden said the speakers will be asked "what opportunities exist in their field and their opinions on the job search."

"Also, we're gonna have them answer what qualities they like to see in a college graduate — is it grades, extracurricular activities, computer, awards, personal skills?" he said.

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## RA, OSA applications available from Housing

By LISA YONCO  
TCU Daily Skiff

Applications will be accepted for residence hall assistants and orientation student assistants at the Office of Residential Living until Friday, Feb. 5.

Other positions available include an office manager, an assistant office manager and a photographer for the summer orientation program.

The application packet includes an explanation of the job requirements and qualifications, as well as the terms of employment.

Students planning to apply for any of the positions are required to attend the orientation sessions at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10 in Student Center Room 205, or at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11.

A workshop titled "Obtaining Campus Leadership Positions: Effective Interviewing" will also be held at 5 p.m. on Feb. 1. Although the workshop is not exclusively for the RAs or OSAs, all applicants should attend, said Kay Higgins, coordinator of the new student orientation program.

According to the packet accompanying the applications, candidates for the RA positions should demonstrate strong leadership abilities and potential, responsibility and motivation.

RAs are hired for the academic year and are required to report to campus a week before each semester starts to participate in training programs, said John Lamb, a Milton Daniel Residence Hall RA.

RAs are assigned to a residence hall staff room and receive free room and board if they have a roommate, the packet said.

The packet also lists course load

and academic performance restrictions for RAs. RAs must maintain a 2.6 cumulative GPA and carry a maximum of 15 credit hours and a minimum of nine credit hours.

RAs must also have a flexible time schedule, Lamb said.

Applicants should be aware of their responsibility to their residents once the semester begins. RAs are expected to get to know all of their residents and keep in touch with them throughout the semester, Lamb said.

RAs must also plan activities throughout the semester to help their residents get to know each other, said Camie Melton, an RA in Jarvis Hall.

According to the packet, RAs are required to assist the students and help familiarize them with their residence hall and the campus. Part of the job also includes enforcing policies such as visitation in the residence halls.

RAs are also required to fulfill administrative requirements such as preparing for the opening and closing of residence halls, preparing bulletin boards and doortags, reporting needed maintenance and caring for university property.

Applicants for OSA positions should exhibit leadership potential, maturity and good interpersonal skills, according to the packet accompanying the OSA applications. OSA applicants must also have maintained a 2.5 cumulative GPA and be at least a sophomore when their term begins.

"We look for a very diverse staff when we interview," said Higgins, who conducts part of the interview process for the OSAs. "We try to compose a group which is representative of the university."

The OSAs' terms begin with a

training session on Friday, May 7. There will also be an in-depth training session June 1 through 11 and August 12 and 13. The New Student Orientation program begins in June and runs through August 21 and includes spring semester orientation January 11 and 12, 1994.

OSAs also participate in the Calling New Frogs program, calling their orientation group members in September and October to make sure the "new frogs" are settling in well.

OSAs receive \$1,150 and free housing as compensation during the program.

OSAs are expected to become a resource for the students concerning campus activities and serving as an academic role model, the packet said. OSAs must also help distribute administrative notices and announcements, report maintenance work, assist with the academic registration process and complete staff reports and assignments.

The summer orientation program also needs a photographer. The photographer is required to participate in the same training sessions and work the same dates as the OSAs.

The office manager and assistant office manager must attend the May 7 training session as well as the in-depth training sessions throughout the summer.

They begin work in March, gradually adding hours to their schedule until the summer and orientation programs begin. Then the office personnel will be required to work 40 hours a week.

Both are also required to participate in the Calling New Frogs programs.

The office manager is paid \$1,150 for the entire program.

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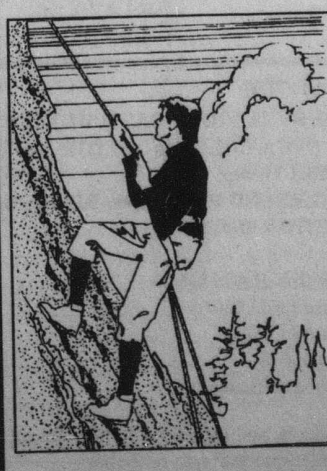
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Today's weather will be  
sunny, with light winds  
and a high temperature  
62 degrees.

Clouds will gradually  
increase on Thursday  
and the high temperature  
will drop to 58 degrees.



## Clinton faces test from Middle East

By JENNIFER VOKOLEK  
TCU Daily Skiff

The biggest problem facing the Clinton administration is the Middle East, said Ralph Carter, TCU political science chair, at a Jarvis Hall program Monday night.

"If I were Bill Clinton, I'd be really frustrated," Carter said. "He was elected for being the domestic president, but Saddam Hussein keeps popping up."

Saddam is determined to provoke confrontation, Carter said.

The question is why Saddam continues to needle the U.N. and the United States, considering he agreed to the postwar provisions imposed by them, Carter said.

Reports of confrontation between Allied and Iraqi forces appear almost daily. To date, there have been no U.S. or Allied aircraft lost, but several Iraqi soldiers and civilians have died, Carter said.

Saddam is acting rationally by Middle Eastern standards, Carter said. Losing people is not of greatest concern as long as Saddam remains in power, he said.

"There are two possible explanations," Carter said. "One, that it is all deliberate and he wants to keep the U.S. aware of possible losses. Or two, he's not in control of the battle field."

Saddam may be depending on Americans to grow weary of Iraq and what happens there, Carter said. This allows another explanation for Saddam's action, he said.

So far Clinton has allowed the Pentagon to continue its policy of firing back when fired upon, Carter said.

Carter said Saddam has used propaganda to convince the Iraqi people that all action in the Middle East is

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part of what is called "Bush's War." The Iraqi public has no reason not to believe their own press unless they're given undeniable evidence confirming other nations' reports, he said.

"(They're) just like Americans in the sense that we depend on CNN to tell us what is going on in Baghdad," Carter said. "We can only hope that what we're getting is the truth."

Saddam is not the only thorn in Clinton's side, he said. Israel is another Middle Eastern nation that says exactly what everyone wants to hear and does something else, Carter said.

"Jerusalem's policy of expelling extreme cases of unrest has 415 Palestinians camping out between Israel and Lebanon," he said.

The rise of militant Muslims is another problem drawing Clinton's attention away from domestic affairs, Carter said.

"There is an increase in anti-Western feeling," he said. "The lack of attention from world leaders could allow this to be the next crisis in nations like Egypt and Algeria."

The U.N. is not fair in its dealings with different countries or acts involving terrorism because it is a political body, Carter said.

"I think a lot of (foreign policy) has to do with the male ego," he said.

How Clinton's ego will deal with the Middle East is yet to be seen, Carter said.

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CAMPUSlines

High Adventure Club. Anyone interested in camping, canoeing, rock climbing and other outdoor activities can join the High Adventure Club. Meetings are held Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Center. For more information call 924-2053.

TERRA. If environmental issues like the preservation of wetlands, deforestation and recycling concern you, then join TERRA and help make a difference. Meetings are held Wednesdays at 5 p.m. in Room 244 of Sid Richardson. For more information call 924-2053.

The Society of Professional Journalists will hold its first meeting of the semester to plan activities and fundraisers for the spring at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 27, in Moudy Room 280S. Plans for the upcoming regional convention, as well as the FOI project will be discussed. New and old members are welcome. Call Lisa at 924-0063.

Organist Monte Maxwell, a 1986 graduate of TCU who now teaches and performs in New York, will return to campus to play a recital in Ed Landreth Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 2. The program is free.

The TCU Music Series will present a bass trombone recital at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 1 in Ed Landreth Auditorium. The recital is free to the public. Call Dennis Bubert at 921-7810.

History lecture Come experience the mystery of the pharaohs lecture on Egyptian History featuring Dr. James Chambers, at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 28 in Reed Hall 303.

Theatre League Groundhog Day Eve Party at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 1 at the Caravan of Dreams nightclub. The party is open to everyone. Single tickets cost \$10 in advance, and are available from any member or the theatre Box Office. Advance tickets must be purchased by Jan. 29. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$15. Call Holly Nelson Leach at 927-2833.

The First Texas Council of Camp Fire's annual Candy Sale will run through Feb. 14. The candy will sell for \$4 a box. Call Sharon LeMond at 831-2111.

Vocalist celebrates African spiritual roots

By ANGELA WRIGHT TCU Daily Skiff

Vocalist Kijana Wiseman will perform a one-woman show tonight that will chronicle African-American music from its roots in Africa to its branches in America.

The performance titled "The Soul of Black Song" will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Brown-Lupton Student Center Lounge. The show is free and open to the public.

Wiseman uses her 3.5-octave range and her knowledge of seven languages to sing spiritual, jazz, gospel, and classical music. She covers the music of Basie to Bach, Ellington to Gershwin, and Reba McEntire to Billie Holiday.

Larry Markley, assistant director of student affairs, attended a Wiseman production at the University of Texas at Arlington last year.

"I thought it gave a great historical perspective of African-American music and people," Markley said. "It was very entertaining as well as educational."

Her performance utilizes slides and costumes to visually demonstrate her music. She also employs her audience as her back-up chorus by teaching them African "click" songs.

Wiseman uses her artistic skill to educate as well as entertain. She explains the message within the music that she sings.

Wiseman has been billed as a contemporary "griot" because of her narrative style of singing that recreates African and African-American history. Griots were African tribal historians who recited ancestral history.

Markley said that Wiseman will be on campus today talking to students before the performance.

"She will do some teasers to get students to come to the show," Markley said. "She is really easy to work with and a very nice person."

Wiseman, a native of Houston, has performed in Europe, served as the assistant director of a cultural troupe, instructed theatre in Liberia, and has worked as an overseas model and journalist.

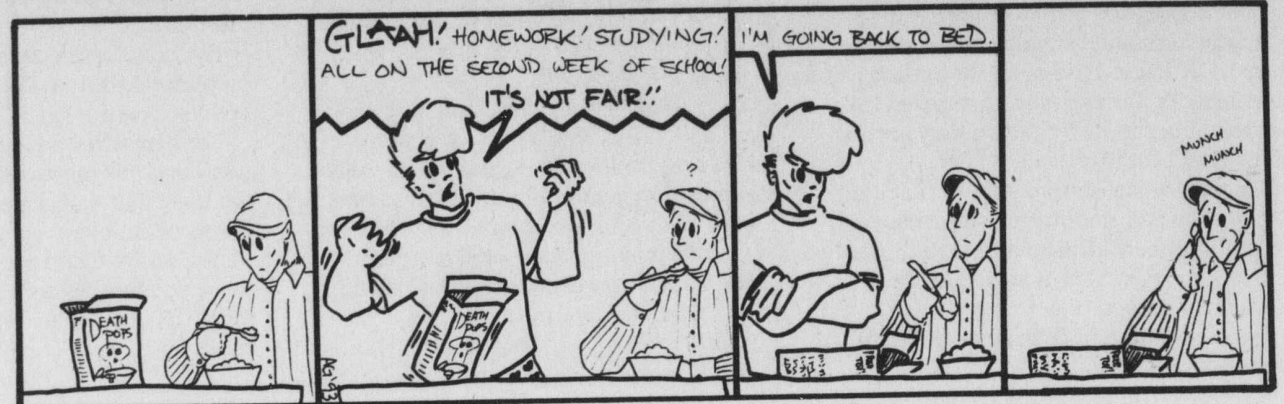
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Get ready to take center stage over the next few days. Others look to you for inspiration and advice; don't speak before thinking.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Solitary tasks can wait; answer that phone, go to that meeting, and show up for that party. Much is gained by fraternizing with those who share interests.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Cater to the boss, who may feel neglected if you're not at beck and call today. Many family responsibilities weigh heavily.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Opportunity is trying to get to you, but may be delayed a little longer; put on a smile and expect the best. A change of scene does wonders.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If you owe it, pay it. Catch up on the little things while concentration is strong. Health worries may be rooted in guilt about a bad habit.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Mate, lover, pal and partner are all correct today. If delays occur, withdrawing efforts until tomorrow may be advisable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Keep diet resolutions, even if a friend tries to tempt you. Others may try to usurp your popularity with the boss, but this, too, works to your advantage.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Past experience brings wisdom to your present handling of difficulties. Your impressive record needs no defense. Take a long walk, and find a small treasure!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Roll with a little inconvenience from mate or family member; they'll make it up to you soon. A pal surprises you by changing mind you thought was closed.

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"We want to know what they hold in the highest regard."

The House is asking area organizations for help with the retreat, McLinden said.

For more information, contact the Student Activities office at 921-7924.

Hightower unveiled his plan to celebrate the birthday of SuperFrog.

The celebration, which will be held Feb. 5 in front of the Student Center, will include a gyroscope, a velcro wall, a band, a caricaturist and, of course, a birthday cake, said Grete Holt, executive assistant to the programming committee.

Tickets for the party will be on sale for \$1 Thursday and Friday, said

Holt, a sophomore pre-major. The tickets will be used in a raffle for "something electronic or just cash," she said.

The party is intended to promote campus unity and school spirit, Holt said.

"That's one of our goals — to help school spirit this year," Hightower told the House.

McClendon also urged students who live off-campus to apply to be town student representatives for the

House. Applications are available in the Student Activities office, he said. Five signatures from students who live off-campus are required for each application, he said.

The following announcements were made during the meeting:

A memorial service will be held for Dana Ivancevich at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at Robert Carr Chapel. Ivancevich, a senior child studies major, died Dec. 23 of complications following surgery.

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# Opinion

## 'Problem' students require nurturing, not incarceration in a box

It's funny how tragic events can sometimes trigger unusual childhood memories. One of those occasions happened this week, after a major scandal erupted in the Metroplex educational community when a bizarre form of punishment for special-ed kids was discovered by area press.

It seems that kids who went ballistic in school against their classmates and teachers were being stuffed in a box by school officials. Not a room, mind you. A box. Three feet long, four feet wide, and six feet high. With a roof made of chicken wire that was locked shut.

Now, keep in mind that these aren't physically or mentally handicapped kids we're talking about here. Just kids who, for whatever reason, can't keep a lid on their temper. The odd part is that this form



**CARL KOZLOWSKI**

of punishment required parental consent forms—and that there were parents who signed them! And even more amazing is that this supposedly goes on at schools across the nation.

My question is: who ever thought of that box in the first place? They sure didn't do stuff like that when I was a kid.

I went to Catholic schools for all but

one month in the fourth grade, when my folks decided to give the county-district public schools of Arkansas a try. As I just noted, it was a brief experiment on their part.

Why? Two words: Pierce Presley. He was the first special-ed kid I ever encountered, since Catholic schools were on too tight a budget for special programs and just called kids like Pierce "problem children" or "incorrigible."

The kids who tried to show me the ropes of my new school gave me four words to live by: "Watch out for Pierce." They told me of the time the whole school had to be evacuated because he set fire to his crayons, and how he would often cut his own hair in art class with the supply scissors he was given.

Let's just say that while Pierce provided me with an exciting, adventure-filled month in the Arkansas public school system, his presence wasn't exactly conducive to his fellow students' education. And when my folks realized that the halls of that school were filled with third-grade chain smokers and pot dealing sixth graders, they got me the hell out of there.

But that was okay, because Catholic school kids were always the weirdest ones around anyway. There was Sean Ketzsch, who invited people to grab his skull and feel the little coat hook that became embedded there during a freak accident playing chess in the classroom in the third grade.

Then there was Michael Vandiver. The greatest moment of his scholastic career

came in his freshman year of high school. When Father Tribou asked why good Catholic kids shouldn't go steady, Michael volunteered, "Cause if the girl gets pregnant, her father knows who did it." No one seems to know what became of Michael.

But the point of this is that unusual behavior makes life interesting. Short of stabbing a teacher in the neck or shooting a classmate in the kneecap, individuality should be nurtured and applauded.

People like Pierce may be weird, but they sure were memorable. I can't imagine what it would have been like if he had been shoved in a little box and stuffed away for hours.

Carl Kozlowski is a senior English major from Little Rock, Ark.

## Decisions about homosexuals affect the military also

Though writing on a congenial subject such as predictions for the Super Bowl is tempting, I decided to embark on yet another angle of the "homosexuals in the military" discussion. My opinion, however, strays from the mainstream debate. Rather, what I want to focus on is: In whose hands should the decision to repeal the ban on homosexuals in the military actually rest?



**ROCHAEL SOPER**

A January 22 Skiff editorial piece stated that "the strongest opposition to opening the military to homosexuals comes from within the military itself." Well, OBVIOUSLY it does! I would hope that those who are directly involved and affected by the repeal of the ban would have a voice in the issue. Moreover, I would hope that their voice would be a strong one if they felt the decision would have adverse effects.

The piece further argues that "officers and high-ranking officials in the government argue that morale and discipline will be terribly affected by the presence of gays and lesbians..." Whether or not you or I actually believe this is the case, these are, nonetheless, the opinions of those involved in the military. These are the people who will be directly affected by the consequences of this decision and we should not be too quick to discount or dismiss their opinions.

Is it fair to those who serve in the military to be forced to live and work under orders imposed by someone who has never served in the armed forces? Yes, I am speaking specifically of President Bill Clinton. How can Bill Clinton so freely advocate lifting the ban when he himself has never served in the military? It is easy to impose rules and regulations when you are not subject to their effects.

If these military officers are correct in predicting that lifting the ban will adversely affect morale and discipline, then who becomes responsible for dealing with these problems? It is not Bill Clinton—it is the military officers who must find ways to cope with decreased morale and disciplinary problems.

I am not making the claim that just because one does not have direct, personal experience with a particular issue that that issue should be ignored. No one person, no one president, can be expected to have such a broad, encompassing range of knowledge as to be able to address any issue that presents itself. What I am arguing is that it is vital to consider the opinions, experience and expertise of those directly involved, those who can predict the consequences of the decision in question and who will eventually be forced to work and operate under those consequences.

It is safe to assume that when one attains a high-ranking position in the military that that person has been through the ranks and possesses substantial experience and knowledge of how the military is and should be structured and operated. Therefore, when an officer strongly opposes repealing the ban on homosexuals, do we not owe it to ourselves, our country and especially the members of the military to listen to that opinion and consider the warning?

Even if opposition comes from an enlisted person rather than an officer, I would personally trust and regard his/her opinion over someone who has no firsthand knowledge of or experience in the military. Having never served in the military, I look to the opinions of those who have, especially when it comes to dealing with such a sensitive and impacting decision as this.

In one corner, we have the military—a highly structured and remarkably disciplined organization. In the other corner, we have the many feelings and issues surrounding homosexuality—each highly sensitive and deeply-rooted.

It is unrealistic to think we can just throw the two together with a quick little executive order and expect everything to run smoothly.

Many factors must be contemplated and considered. Above all, we should listen to and carefully consider the thoughts and opinions of the members of the military who will be directly affected by the consequences of this controversial decision.

If we are willing to place the security of our nation in their hands, should we not trust their judgment in matters such as these?

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### EDITORIAL

## Ethics

### Baird's nomination proved problematic

Bill Clinton's appointment of Zoe Baird as U.S. Attorney General was, originally, a good thing. Had Baird been confirmed as attorney general, she would have been the first female appointed to that position in the history of the United States.

Selecting women and other minorities to sit on the Cabinet was also, originally, a good thing. Clinton's attempts to make the Cabinet as representative of the population of the United States was an admirable attempt at creating a truly representative government.

The problem with Baird's appointment, however, was that Clinton's staff failed to completely investigate Baird's past. Had their background checks been more thorough, the Clinton team might have discovered that she illegally hired two Peruvian citizens to work in her home, thereby saving itself the embarrassment of Baird's resignation late Thursday.

The Clinton team has learned a valuable lesson: It cannot afford to sacrifice quality in its Cabinet selections in order to achieve a more representative Cabinet. Baird's nomination, which had been extremely positive for the

future of women in high-level governmental positions, has now become extremely embarrassing for everyone concerned.

Clinton and his administration must be more careful than ever in making the 2,000-odd appointments remaining to be filled. No one can forget the long list of Reagan and Bush appointees who were either indicted or resigned before their indictments, resulting in disgrace for the administrations.

There are many other individuals who are equally qualified to serve in important government positions such as Attorney General. Many of them are also minorities. President Clinton should be applauded for trying to seat a representative Cabinet and should be encouraged to continue these efforts.

If Clinton wants to avoid some of his predecessors' problems with public credibility and respect, however, he will be even more selective in his future appointments.

Let's not let this be a precursor of the Clinton administration's ethics. Twelve years of indictments is enough.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### Fan reaction

In response to Rob Eilermann's column regarding the Cowboys and their "fair-weather" fans, I'm standing up for the majority of those who sport the blue and silver every fall Sunday afternoon in support of the beloved "Boys."

When you arrived at TCU, it had been a year and a half since that fateful day when Jerry Jones nightmared us with the firing of our creator. Jerry and Jimmy had promised great things, and based on their first year in business, had not delivered. As fans, and I mean FANS, we were still optimistic, but a little antsy.

We had suffered through 45-0 drubbings in the waning years of Landry. We had suffered through an abysmal 1-15 season in 1989. We had lost Herschel Walker. We were beginning to wonder. However, we were still averaging over 45 thousand in attendance. What was New England's attendance average as the worst team in football this year?

So what did we do? What do most FANS do? We showed our displeasure! We wrote letters! We called Randy Galloway! We called Norm Hitzges! We even called Skip Bayless! A few of us even called our shrinks! It was hell

or high water, and this was our way of sticking.

In case you haven't noticed, J&J got the message from their FANS, and three successful years later, we are back in the Super Bowl after 14 years. If we win, we will gloat and brag about how depressed we were in those dismal years and how it is great to be back on top. If not, well it's back to the drawing board and another stab at it next year. Nevertheless, our FANS will stick through it with this team through thick and thin.

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## Baird withdrawal demonstrates business as unusual in Washington

The ill-fated nomination of Zoe Baird to be the first woman attorney general of the United States reveals much about the Clinton administration, namely that it is no longer "business as usual" in Washington.

Under Ronald Reagan and George Bush, flagrant disregard for the laws was a common theme, and it wove together the lowest administration officials, like Lt. Col. Oliver North, and the highest, like Attorney General Edwin Meese and the presidents themselves.

Baird's withdrawal last week is a decisive sign that under President Clinton, top government officials cannot and will not be above the law.

Baird's employment of two undocumented Peruvian workers in 1990 and subsequent failure to pay Social Security taxes was a mistake, as the 40-year-old Connecticut attorney often admitted during last week's hearings.

She should not be excused for her and her husband's poor judgment, although she has paid her penalties and now a higher price for her failure to follow the law.

Zoe Baird was qualified for the post, and she would have made a fine attorney general and an outstanding addition to the Clinton cabinet. Yet her withdrawal signifies to all political leaders, present and future, that the laws must be followed and that ethics are indeed important.

Her nomination was not harpooned by partisan politics. Unlike the "Borking" of Supreme Court justice nominees by Senate Democrats and the incessant attacks on Bill Clinton's character by the Bush campaign, Zoe Baird's fall was not orchestrated by the opposing party. Delaware Democrat Joe Biden, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, was the hardest on Baird during the hearings. Instead, Baird was doomed by a public ethical accountability.

Ethics has been used before to bring down political leaders, like former House Speaker Jim Wright, but ethics has been a political buzz word and a means of media manipulation, before now. Baird's withdrawal stems from a genuine concern by the American people that ethics is no longer just a buzz word.

The "continuing controversy surrounding my nomination seriously impedes my ability" to head the Justice Department, Baird wrote in a short letter to President Clinton, and she is correct. Her violating of laws which she would have to enforce as attorney general impairs her credibility. Certainly, this was no Clarence Thomas talking.

Before dismissing Zoe Baird's nomination as an ethical morass and an embarrassing failure, consider that she never hid nor shrunk from her missteps. She never lied to the Senate panel.

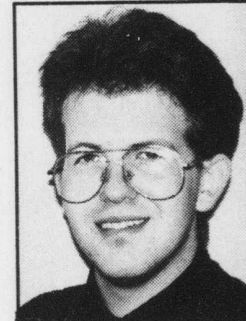
Baird was candid, fair and, as Sen. Strom Thurmond observed, penitent. Her candor was a welcome change in attitude from previous administrations, Republican and Democrat.

President Clinton's taking "full responsibility" for the shortcomings of his and his team's reviewing process is also a welcome change from previous administrations. There is now a president in the White House who takes responsibility for his mistakes instead of waving an angry finger at someone else.

Zoe Baird is not a martyr, not a victim. Her withdrawal is no tragedy. She made mistakes and she knew better. She admitted her mistakes, and she has paid for them. Her price tag was high, but it may save others later.

Baird's failed nomination signals to current and especially future political leaders that they are responsible for their actions and will not receive special treatment or consideration because they are, or want to become, government officials.

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# Sports

## Athlete of the Week Allen Tolley

By WILLIAM HATFIELD  
TCU Daily Skiff

In a year dominated by change, one constant has remained for the TCU men's basketball team.

That constant is Allen Tolley. Tolley, a senior three-year starter for the Frogs, is one of two returning starters off last year's 23-11 NIT squad. He will make his 68th career start tonight when TCU plays at Tulsa.

Tolley's contribution to the Frog cagers, especially his play in the previous five games, has earned him the Skiff's first Athlete of the Week award for 1993.

Over the five game span, Tolley averaged 19.2 points a contest and grabbed 3.5 rebounds. Although TCU's record is only 1-4 in those games, his play hasn't gone unnoticed.

"He has done very well for us the last five to six games," said TCU coach Mo Iba. "He's had to take the responsibility for scoring this year and that's something he's never really had to do in the past, but he's got to this season."

The loss of four seniors to graduation left a huge scoring and leadership void for Tolley and fellow senior starter Brent Atwater to fill. And while he admits it took longer for him to step up and fill TCU's scoring needs, Tolley said he is beginning to feel comfortable with his new role.

"It has taken up to now to realize I can shoot all the time, that it's what coach (Iba) wants," Tolley said. "I have to step it up and be the go to guy to pump up the team and make the plays."

Tolley has had many opportunities to make big plays for TCU in his career. He was highly recruited out of Louisville, Kentucky's Eastern High School and was one of five freshman recruits to walk on the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum floor for the 1989-1990 season. He played in 26 games his freshman season before settling in as TCU's starting small forward his sophomore year.

Tolley said that many factors contributed to his decision to choose TCU.

"The chance to play Division I basketball, for a well-known coach that played the style I was used to helped make TCU my choice," he said.

During Tolley's first three seasons TCU did have much success. The Frogs won 16, 18 and 23 games and went to the second round of the NIT last year.

"I liked playing for the team the last three years because other teams were trying to beat us, not vice versa," Tolley said. "I did everything I could to contribute to the success of the team."

"Allen felt more comfortable with those teams," Iba said. "He did what he could do to help us win. That's what made him so valuable."

But not everything has been easy for Tolley. He is the only player left from his original recruiting class. A deep thigh bruise nagged him throughout his junior season. And the Frogs are struggling in his senior campaign. TCU stands 3-11 overall and is winless in four SWC games.

"We need to start rebounding better and play more like a team," Tolley said. "We haven't played together as a team for 40 minutes yet, but I do think we are getting better."

"I've been used to winning and it's hard to deal with this year, but I'm making the most of it," he said.

Tolley said he would like the Frogs to finish at .500 for the season, a great accomplishment considering TCU's injury problems this year. And he would like to make second-team All-SWC.

Besides basketball, Tolley has proven himself a leader off the court as well. He is a part of the Peer Educator program and is a member of Sigma Nu fraternity. Tolley said being one of the few athletes in a fraternity has its advantages.

"I've been able to relate to others," Tolley said. "I wanted to break the stereotype that athlete's don't get to know others. The team is a good break from the fraternity and the fra-



TCU Daily Skiff/ Jenny Putchinski

Senior forward Allen Tolley shoots a jumper over a Texas A&M defender. Tolley is this week's Athlete of the Week.

ternity is a good break from the hoops."

After his final game for TCU, Tolley will concentrate on finishing his Radio-TV-Film degree. He said he would like a job as a sportscaster in either TV or radio.

But that doesn't mean he wouldn't pursue a career on the hardwood.

"I don't have any basketball plans,

but if somebody came and offered me \$50 or \$60,000 to play, I'd listen," he said.

Regardless of his future after basketball, there will always be one person who remembers him.

"I will remember Allen for the contributions he made to the program and watching him mature into a young man," Iba said.

## 'Horns try to regroup after erratic start

By CHIP BROWN  
Associated Press

AUSTIN (AP) — Rocked by player departures due to injuries and academic problems, Texas coach Tom Penders has used seven different lineups in 14 games.

He has even been forced to start his sophomore son, Tommy, who was expected to redshirt this year.

While the Longhorns' chance to defend its Southwest Conference championship appears bleak, having fallen to 1-4 in league play, Penders remains positive.

In fact, he is more pumped up than ever.

"People are saying, 'Texas is dead and gone. There's no chance that they will come back,'" Penders said. "I love that. There is no better challenge than to have people think you are down and out and you have no chance. I live for those situations."

First, point guard B.J. Tyler went down with a broken right foot during practice Jan. 3. Then, starting center Albert Burditt and star guard Terrence Rencher were deemed academically ineligible Jan. 18.

Rencher will return, perhaps in time for the Rice game this Saturday, although Penders says he is not rushing things.

"He won't come back until he demonstrates satisfactory academic progress," Penders said. "Right now he is not on our team. He is not practicing with us."

Burditt has been suspended for the rest of the year.

And finally, forward Al Segova was lost for the season after tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee. UT is left with eight scholarship players and two walk-ons.

"We have had so many different teams this year, it's kind of like starting over every week," said Penders. "My job as the head coach is to keep them motivated, focused and positive."

There wasn't much to smile about as the Longhorns (7-7) opened SWC play 0-4 for the first time since 1983-84, losing three of those at home to Rice, SMU and Baylor.

But Texas now has won two in a row, and players say it's because Penders' demeanor hasn't flinched during the recent turmoil.

"He is consistently positive," said guard Tony Watson. "He doesn't talk about the losses. He just focuses on what we have to do to win."

Last Tuesday, Texas scraped up a 79-74 come-from-behind victory over Murray State on the road, featuring two clutch free throws from Tommy Penders with 18 seconds left.

On Saturday, Texas knocked off Texas Tech 92-74 at home. But both victories have required what Penders calls makeshift "junk" offenses and defenses.

Thanks to these "junk" offenses and defenses, Texas might recover from its slow start.



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