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TCU Daily Skiff/ Jenni Wallis

Jason DeWitte, junior chemistry major, and Paige Price, senior marketing major, strut at the "Fiesta!" style show Wednesday night. The show, sponsored by Alpha Chi Omega, raised money for The Women's Haven shelter.

Tax increase unveiled in Clinton plan

Economic package tailored to cut deficit by \$496 billion

By TERENCE HUNT **Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton unveiled a tougherthan-expected economic program Wednesday, asking Americans to accept one of the biggest tax increases in history to curb massive budget deficits and finance economy-revitalization efforts.

"We can't keep on going the way we're going," Clinton said. "So, I've offered a different course. I think it's balanced, it's fair, and I think all Americans will be better off."

Clinton's plan would spread pain almost universally, although well-to-

do people would be hit hardest. The administration braced for stiff opposition following a negative reaction from Wall Street.

The program would impose higher energy taxes on every household with income of more than \$30,000. The administration calculated that

would raise \$71.4 billion by 1998. The tax would start next July at 2.5 cents a gallon for gasoline, 2.75 cents per gallon of heating oil, and 8.75 cents per thousand cubic feet of natural gas. It would increase over three years to triple those original figures. Income tax rates would jump sig-

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Magazine combats stereotypes about 'Bubbas'

By NATALIE TAYLOR TCU Daily Skiff

What's a Bubba?

Ask a TCU student, and he or she might say something similar to freshman pre-major and native Texan Courtney Stroup's suggestion: "He's some big huge cowboy that drives a big huge truck. He definitely eats baked beans."

Krysha Niblett, a freshman business major, said he's "probably fat, hickish; real friendly, though. I can see Bubba living in Texas.'

Sean Moody, a junior advertising/public relations major from Dallas, considered Bubba "an old country hick with a big wad of chew in his mouth."

But the editors of a new Bubba magazine think they have the real answer in the quarterly publication that hit the newsstand Feb. 9.

The students' beliefs about Bubba are common stereotypes, said Dean

King, the editor of Bubba magazine. An article in last week's edition combats the misconceptions that all Bubbas are from the South, and that everyone from the South is a Bubba.

Bubbas, according to the magazine, can be found anywhere. But the important thing is not location, it's lifestyle.

One of the objectives of the publication is to convey the word "Bubba" in positive light. King also emphasized that Bubbas cross racial lines and income levels, and are not solely from the South, although it is consid-

ered the "Bubba Belt." In fact, President Clinton is featured on the cover of the first edition. He wears a baseball cap and is shrowded by the pronouncement, "Celebrating the first Bubba Presi-

King said that it was the presidential campaign itself that inspired the creation of Bubba magazine. The term was tossed around in the campaign, in reference to both Clinton and his running-mate Al Gore. It received confused responses from even Southerners.

Clinton once said of the Clinton-Gore ticket, "There's a little Bubba in both of us—in the sense that we both come from small towns, where people have old-fashioned values and want their country to be the best country in the world."

King said they chose to use Clinton on the cover because "Clinton represents Bubba's new dawn." Although he admits Clinton may not be the prototypical Bubba, "it made sense to put him on the cover because without him, Bubba would still be an unfamiliar term.'

The magazine has enjoyed early success, King said. The first edition all but disappeared from shelves in the Fort Worth area in less than a week. King also said three local radio stations are interested in interviews.

The magazine is catching on out-

side of the "Bubba Belt" as well. Radio stations from the East have also shown support and a Canadian news crew has done a story on the magazine.

Although Bubba has received great acclaim, an article in the Dallas Morning News last week shed a more are different kinds. He said the magnegative light on the attributes of its azine tends to "lump them all debut edition.

The first sore spot for many Southerners is that the headquarters for Bubba magazine lies on the 28th floor of a high-rise Fifth Avenue building in New York City. Bubbas wonder how big city business men can claim to understand their way of

But King considers himself a Bubba just as much as any true-blue, stubborn and wry Texas truck driver. His family is from West Virginia and he is originally from Richmond, Va., which he says is definitely in Bubba

June Welch, associate professor of common sense kind of person."

history at the University of Dallas and author of 18 books about Texas, finds much to be desired in Bubba magazine.

A 1950 graduate of TCU, Welch's main quarrel is that he believes that Bubbas vary from state to state; there together."

Beyond that, Welch attests that the magazine itself makes inaccurate assesments of Bubba. In response to its claims that Bubbas will trade the lawn mower for native lawn plants and embrace colorless sodas, he contends that a Bubba will cling to the old standby "long neck Pepsi-Cola, graduating from that to long neck Lone-Star beer."

King, however, insists that "that's taking the stereotype that Bubba will take whatever's given to him." He said Bubba will identify with these new trends, because he's "a pracitcal,

The editors of Bubba refer to Bubbas as "patriotic, deeply religious, stubborn and wry" over the image of beer drinking and pick-up trucks with gun racks, which are considered negative stereotypes.

Welch also found fault with what he considers a gross overuse of President Clinton in the first edition of Bubba. The magazine includes a page of Clinton's vital statistics, articles on his wife and his mother, and an article entitled "A Toast to the First Bubba President" among many other references to the president.

"Instead of talking about Bubbas, it spent a lot of time talking about Bill Clinton and his family," he said.

The first edition was successful at its goal of exposing the Bubba image, Welch said, but the editors will need to expand the coverage, pick a course for the magazine to follow and steer away from Clinton in future issues.

Gun buyback program aims to reduce city's crime rate

By JAMIE McILVAIN TCU Daily Skiff

A new gun buyback program approved by the Fort Worth City Council Tuesday will reduce crime only marginally, said Patrick Kinkade, director of TCU's criminal justice program.

"It's more of a political symbol than something to really stop violence in the city," Kinkade said.

Under the new program, residents turning in guns to the Fort Worth Police Department will receive \$5 to \$25, depending on the type of weapon. The guns will be checked before being destroyed to ensure they have not been reported stolen or used

Violence/Stop the Tears," will begin

April 1. General Dynamics' donated \$25,000 to fund it and has also pledged to match any other corporate donations up to an additional

A 24-hour tip line will also be established for callers wishing to report people illegally possessing guns. Informants will be paid \$20 per

Fort Worth is the first Texas city to adopt the program, which has been used in St. Louis, Baltimore, Seattle and several other cities.

Fort Worth Police Chief Thomas Windham told the Associated Press. "If our experience is the same as a lot of other cities, we're going to take in a lot of firearms in a very short period

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Today's weather will be partly cloudy with a high of 46 degrees.

Friday's weather will be cloudy and slightly warmer with a high of 52 degrees and a chance of

Perot group may influence outcome of special election, political science chair says

By MICHAEL ROWETT **TCU Daily Skiff**

The special election to fill the Senate seat of Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen is not until May 1, but Ross Perot's United We Stand America, Inc. organization is already working to exert its influence.

The organization's membership has swelled to approximately 500,000 — including three of the dozen candidates running in the election. Perot wants to involve United We Stand in several electronic town meetings and candidate forums to make the candidates focus on issues he deems important, especially the

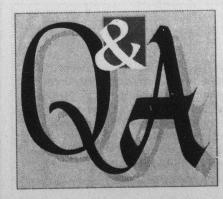
Ralph Carter, chairman of the, political science department, said the group's influence will be felt in numerous ways, mainly through the efforts of Perot himself to stay in the

O: What kind of influence will United We Stand have on the May 1 special Senate election?

A: I think Perot's group's primary effect will be to shape the agenda of topics the candidates have to face in dealing with the public. I think that the continuation of the group will mean a continuation of economic issues being a high priority. Questions of how to deal with the deficit and those sorts of things are going to be issues that will be increasingly more difficult for the candidates to Q: What kind of weight would a

Perot endorsement carry?

A: In Texas, an explicit Perot endorsement would have some real weight. If Perot endorses some incredibly lightweight candidate



who is not taken particularly seriously statewide, the importance of his endorsement would be minimized to some extent. But if he took one of the main contenders and said, "I endorse this person because I believe his or her economic ideas will help address the problems this country faces," I think that becomes a significant edge in this state for that candidate.

Q: With a dozen candidates running, there will probably be a runoff.

Would a Perot endorsement decide the race at this point?

A: It would help (a candidate), but I'm not sure if it would decide the race. When you get down to only two candidates, one of them's going to get a majority of the vote, and that causes all sorts of considerations on the part of active voters as to who to prefer if their first choice didn't make

Q: Perot says he isn't running for the Senate seat himself because he wants to devote his time to United We Stand to "counter special interests." Is there any chance he might change his mind and enter the race at some point?

A: I don't believe there's a chance in the world that Ross Perot would enter the Senate race, because the worst thing that could possibly happen would be his winning. If Perot won the Senate race, he'd become one of 100 senators. That's not a Perot-like goal. He would want to be the top dog - someone who has the power to change things, which you don't have individually as a senator. I don't see any way he'd get in the

Q: How much influence does Perot really hold over his "volunteer" organization? Is United We Stand a genuine independent grassroots type of organization, or is it just a public

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in a crime. rain on Friday night. The program, entitled "Stop the see Guns, page 2

Tandy Corp. focuses on retail

By CHARLSIE MAYS TCU Daily Skiff

Tandy Corp. is planning to accelerate its new retail formats, John V. Roach announced last Monday.

Roach, company chairman and chairman of the university's board of trustees, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram this move could add nearly \$2 billion to the company's annual sales by 1995.

Last month the company made its \$1.5 billion manufacturing operations into a separate company, TE Electronics Inc.

Tandy's move to a retailing

emphasis is not unusual, campus

"Businesses tend to concentrate on what they do best," said Floyd Durham, associate professor of eco-

Tandy has discovered it can bring in more products from Asia for less money and concentrate on their retail efforts, he said.

Tandy has been in the retail business for some time with over 7,000 Radio Shack stores.

In addition to the Radio Shack stores, Tandy plans to open 48 Computer City and 14 Incredible Universe stores by 1995.

Computer City is currently a 20store chain of personal computer superstores. Each of these locations brings in between \$20 and \$25 million annually, Roach told the Star-Telegram.

Incredible Universe stores feature a broad selection of consumer electronic products in a showroom more than triple the size of a typical superstore. The first two locations of the Incredible Universe stores, one of which is in Arlington, should each post \$60 million in sales their first year, officials said.

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A: They're a little of both. A lot of the people who fervently believed in Perot abandoned him when he left the (1992 presidential) race. He really cut a lot of ties that he clearly did not anticipate. The people who stayed with him did so because of disenchantment with the other major candidates or a real public preference for candidate Perot. But now that the 1992 presidential race is over, we're in a real transition phase where United We Stand either grows beyond Perot or shrinks to become his personal little interest group.

Q: Perot keeps harping on three basic issues: the deficit, lobbyists and special interests. Can Perot and/or United We Stand really make any of these concerns a major issue in the Senate race?

A: They can make anything an issue by talking about it enough. What's ironic is that United We Stand has become a special interest group that decries special interest groups.

Q: At this point, who are the Democratic and Republican front-

A: On the Republican side, Kay Bailey Hutchinson; on the Democratic side, Bob Krueger. If they're not the ultimate one-two in the general election, I'd be surprised.

Q: If United We Stand makes a successful impact on the race, making its influence felt loud and clear, where will it go from there?

A: Well, certainly the 1994 races are important for United We Stand if it is what Perot claims it is. They hope to press government officials to change their economic behavior. Getting involved in electing an entire House of Representatives in '94 is an opportunity not to be missed.

Q: If interim Sen. Bob Krueger loses in the special election, how will it affect Gov. Richards' credibility?

A: It doesn't help it. However, I think Ann Richards is a resilient enough politician to argue that she thought Bob Krueger was the best person for the job and if he didn't win, it was a problem with his own campaign and not a reflection on her endorsement. Still, any politician who goes around endorsing others running for office is putting himself or herself at risk politically.

O: What kind of staying power do you see Perot having? Even if he doesn't run for the presidency again, how long will he remain in the spot-

A: If he doesn't do things right during the Clinton administration, I think he's going to flame out. I think he'll just become another billionaire who cares about politics, not any kind of important factor in American political life. I think Perot is truly at a crossroads. He's got to do something that makes all the money he's spent meaningful, or he's just going to be another crackpot.

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nificantly - from 31 percent now to 36 percent next year — for families with taxable income over \$140,000 and for individuals over \$115,000. A 10 percent surtax which Clinton had promised to impose on millionaires would be applied to taxable income over \$250,000.

A pay freeze would be put on 3 million federal workers for a year; after that they would be allowed increases less than the rate of infla-

Taxes would be raised on Social Security benefits for retired couples earning more than \$32,000 and individuals earning \$25,000. Medicare all earnings, compared to the present \$135,000 limit.

Clinton said he had made 150 specific cuts in spending over four years totaling \$253 billion, including \$76 billion in Pentagon reductions and \$91 billion from pensions and automatic benefit programs.

"I'll be glad to entertain some more if anybody's got any specific ideas," he said.

By JOYCE JILLSON

The package would cut \$496 bil-

CREATOR'S SYNDICATE

AQUARIUS(Jan.20-Feb.18).

Others wonder how you do so

much. Return to a hobby you gave

up. See a plan through. It may take

effort to play by the rules. Protect a

vulnerable pal. Sometimes it's bet-

PISCES(Feb.19-Mar.20). What

you thought was impossible is now

true. Plan a party. Decorate, beau-

tify and embellish yourself and

your surroundings. A big day is

near. When you like yourself oth-

ers do, too. Consider a new addi-

ARIES(Mar.21-Apr.19). Allow

mate to come to terms with situa-

tion. Outsider wants your atten-

tion. You're a hot commodity and

can afford to be selective. A bit of

resourcefulness brings outstanding

bear an embarrassing faux pas.

Teamwork produces fabulous

results. Get the wheels in motion at

GEMINI(May 21-June 21).

Celebrate your strengths; down-

play weaknesses. A brisk walk

helps you see things in perspective.

Negotiations occur and bring you

deserved credit. Discourage dou-

ble talk. Respond to applications.

CANCER(June 22-July 22).

An admirer is nervous in your

presence. Establish order, and

hard work puts you in forefront of anything.

you'll think more clearly. Your

work. You find love when not

sum. The answer is more obvious project. Taurus brings good news.

TAURUS(Apr. 20-May 20). A Your motivation is mind-boggling.

person has eyes for you. Grin and methods. Seize the day and let your

eginning is intriguing. Older Find easier routes and more direct

tion to home or family.

than you think.

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ter to accept than to question.

AAARGH! lion from the expected deficit over four years, the largest such reduction

program in history. The deficit still would wind up in the \$200 billion range by 1997 and climb higher unless health care costs are contained.

Clinton proposed spending increases totaling \$160 billion for construction projects, education and children's programs, job training, expansion of the earned income tax credit, extension of unemployment compensation and a variety of health-care programs.

The top corporate tax rate would increase to 36 percent from the curpayroll taxes would be required on rent 34 percent. Deductions would be denied for lobbying, club dues and executive pay over \$1 million and reduced for other business expenses.

Recreation fees would be boosted in federal parks. There would be cutbacks in student aid, farm subsidies and Medicare payments for doctors and hospitals.

Clinton had called for increases on couples with gross income of \$200,000 and individuals with

activity. Look inside yourself for

the answers. Read the mail careful-

LEO(July 23-Aug.22). A sur-

prise check arrives in the mail.

Compete only with yourself. A

new outfit brings positive atten-

tion. The best work is done via fax

or telephone, possibly overseas.

hunch about an admirer was cor-

rect. Accept compliments grace-

fully. Bonus or windfall erases

many pre-existing worries. Put two

and two together for insight into

lover's motivation. Arguments die

Partnerships excel, especially with

marriages and romantic pairings.

A past prediction comes true, with

you as the winner. Be out in public

for inspiration and ideas about new

mind soar. You wake up from con-

fusion and ambivalence.

Interesting stranger responds well.

Dec.21). You're a dreamer. Allow

your mind to wander. Spend the

day with a soul mate. Save logis-

tics until tomorrow. Replenish

mental and physical energy. A

problem now seems conquerable.

CAPRICORN(Dec.22-Jan.19).

Social situation feels right. You

have multiple admirers. Work

around the house is relaxing. Get

rid of grudges, and make connec-

tions. Think before committing to

SAGITTARIUS(Nov.22-

SCORPIO(Oct.24-Nov.21).

LIBRA(Sept.23-Oct.23).

VIRGO(Aug.23-Sept.22). Your

Pisces makes dramatic change.

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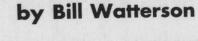


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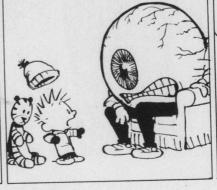
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MYSELF IN IT.

Calvin and Hobbes









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But Kinkade said the programs in other cities have been largely ineffective at reducing crime. He said he believed the program will make only a småll difference.

"You're not going to be able to and gang violence. buy back all the guns off the street," Kinkade said.

Crime stems more from people living in poverty and lacking education than from owning guns, he said.

"I'm all for these symbolic gestures, but ultimately what they may do is deter people from finding real solutions," he said.

Marcus Mungioli, a senior criminal justice major and an intern at the Tarrant County Juvenile Detention Center, agreed with Kinkade that the program won't help much.

'The main reason people have a gun is to protect themselves," Mungioli said. "For them to turn a gun in for money - I don't think that's

much incentive." Some people might turn in guns if

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"Kids usually have guns because they're involved in drugs and they want some kind of protection if a deal goes bad," Kos said.

Kinkade said funds spent on the gun buyback program might be bet-

ter spent on recreational or educational programs. "There are all sorts of good pro-

grams out there that are grossly

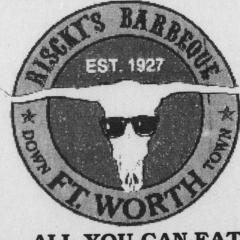
underfunded," he said.

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"What we're beginning to do is set the stage so that people can fully appreciate what the Tandy retail company is going to be," Roach told the Star-Telegram.

Reports say Wall Street is not yet convinced of the potential success of the Tandy split. Tandy's stock price has fallen 10 percent since Jan. 10, when the split was announced.

"Computer City and Incredible Universe have lots of room for growth but there will continue to be skepticism until more financial details are released," Lise Buyer, an analyst with Baltimore's T. Rowe Price, told the Star-Telegram.



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Opinion

Compulsive worrier demands a plethora of frantic organization

People tell me I worry too much. I can't imagine why. You mean other people don't wake up at 3:30 in the morning to toss and turn in anguish over everything that has to be done the next day?

Apparently not. How startling. I am an expert worrier. I should pride myself on my skill. I worry before an assignment is turned in that I won't get it done. When I get it done, I worry that I didn't do it well enough. When I get my grade, I worry that it isn't high enough and will ruin my GPA. I should get some kind of award. And even if my class work is in such a stunning state that I couldn't possibly worry about it (not that this is ever the case), I can still worry about my work for the Skiff and Image. And then, as a last resort, I can worry about my life. Will I



ELIZABETH LUNDAY

Will I manage to pull off this whole wedding thing? Will my grandmother die? Will my dad have a heart attack? Will my mother get Alzheimer's disease and require

24-hour care?

ever get a job?

Will I ever get

health insurance?

Will I develop an untreatable brain disorder and die young and unloved? This can go on all night. And, when the night is particularly long

and dark. I worry about the irrationality and senseless cruelty of the world. I remember stories I've heard and read. A 45-year-old 5th grade teacher who died after a tumor was found in her spinal cord. A child shot to death by a gang member's stray bullet while playing in the park. A young woman driving home from her parent's house on Christmas Day who was hit and killed by a car. All of this I worry about. Irrational? Probably. My only defense against worry is manic

organization. People also tell me that I'm too organized. But my calendars and lists are all that separate me from chaos. Entropy, physicists say, is the degree of disorder in any system. Entropy increases unless something is done to stop it. So if your closet is neat to begin with, it will

become messy unless you exert the effort to clean it. When my worry is at it worst, I am acutely aware of the entropy around me. Bullets. Bosnia. Women dying on Christmas Day.

I can't just let life slid into mass disorder. I have to do something. So I make lists. I check my calendar. It's small, I agree. But every time I cross something off that list, I'm doing my part against the forces of chaos. Perhaps too glorious an explanation of a minor compulsion. But it makes me feel better.

And, after all, someone has to worry. If no one worried, nothing would get done. Someone had to worry to get Clinton elected. To get the Cowboys to the Super

Bowl. To get a rocket to the moon. People lay awake nights, made lists,

checked calendars, fought entropy, to undertake every major human enterprise. The non-worriers who knocked off at five and came back Monday morning miraculously find everything done. The worriers gritted their teeth and resented them, and then proceeded to worry they were ruining their jaws by gritting their teeth so much.

Non-worriers, then, shouldn't mock the compulsions and fears and the frantic organizational tactics of the worriers. They should be thankful. They shouldn't say, "You worry too much." Because when people say that to me, they make me worry that I'm worrying too much.

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Scholarships based on criteria other than race, ethnicity

I have been listening to the recent talk about "minority" scholarships, affirmative action and other subjects of that nature that seem to have a few individuals a bit concerned; others a bit confused, some a tad bit threat-

I have read that there are some who feel that "minority" scholarships are discriminatory; yet in the few



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scholarship requirements I have read, I have never seen a scholarship that was marked "minority" say that the applicant absolutely could not be white. In fact, I have even applied for a scholarship which was marked for Hispanic students. I haven't a drop of Mexican or Spanish blood in my veins. The fine print said that it was open to anyone, so I applied. It's a matter of reading the fine print or being left out.

Since being deemed a "minority" at birth, I have had the opportunity to apply for a few of these offerings, and I have been turned down. Reason? Essentially it was because I did not qualify for any type of financial aid. Should I raise a stink? After all, they are discriminating against the Huxtables of the world and giving

everything to J.J. and the Evans family. My God, they could take over and the Huxtables could probably never get into a fine institution of higher learning! Upper and middle class African-Americans should unite and

Ludicrous? Yes. But this is the argument that many disgruntled white males are making against the scholarships. "Minority" is not the sole basis for these awards; you must be qualified, and there must be a financial need present despite your ethnicity. Maybe that is why only one of the TCU Martin Luther King Jr., scholarship recipients is African-American and some of the recipients are white.

So why affirmative action? Most white people alive today do not own slaves, and many of them are much more socially evolved than their grandparents. It would be nice if all of a sudden we could say everyone is equal and be through with it all, but it is a little more involved than that. Without delving into all of the arguments, let me relay a story that a friend shared with me:

There once were two runners, both of them equally as able from the starting line, but before the gun was fired into the air, one of the runners had a 200-pound weight placed around both legs. The gun went off, and both of them ran as fast and as hard as they could. Thankfully, about halfway down the stretch the weight was removed from the runner's leg, but it seemed too late because the other runner was about to reach the finish line. The race simply did not seem fair. One runner would forever be playing catch-up in this race we call life.

The story has no ending - not yet anyway, but in order to give that runner the fair chance that he/she should have begun with, something had to be done. So now we have affirmative action — a sweet and sour piece of legislation. Instead of seeing it as getting over, see it as evening out the score. If I can have the opportunity to receive a masters degree just like anyone else, I can compete with anyone red, yellow, black or white.

Another half-truth that some have slipped into believing after hearing of some mishap that may have happened to somebody's girlfriend's half sister's twice removed cousin's brother, is that there are corporations and institutions that hire on ethnicity without any regard to qualifications. Some equate being "minority" and being hired with being unqualified. Affirmative action is not completely foolproof, because there have been a few that have been hired. However, no one seems to question the existence of some unqualified "majority" in the workplace. They do exist, you know. Complain about those people. Percentage-wise it could be argued that they are taking many of the "good" jobs.

I fail to see that affirmative action is oppressing white males. If it is, then why isn't the number of white males in corporate America decreasing, and since affirmative action has been in place for sometime now, why hasn't it become predominately "minority?" The fact is that there is no reason to be threatened. Do not blame "minority" scholarships or affirmative action for the reason why a few white males are turned down for jobs or acceptance into institutions. Nine times out of 10, another white male, qualified or not, got that position.

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EDITORIAL

Role Models

Athletes must accept responsibilities of their stardom

college sports, athletes are role models to this don't want this heavy responsibility, it has nation's youth. And lately, time and time again, they have failed to live up to that

This time it was the NBA's Portland Trailblazers turn to make the headlines when four players, including former TCU star center Reggie Smith, were involved in a teen-age sex scandal in Salt Lake City, Utah. Fines were assessed to Smith and Jerome Kersey while Dave Johnson and Tracy Murray were suspended for three games without pay.

Despite the fact that no charges were filed against the players, the incident is still a smear to the NBA, the Blazers and the four players. But worse, it is another poor example of conduct to this nation's youths, who are still searching for proper role models.

Due to the spotlight of professional and Despite any protests by the players who been thrust upon them and they must respond.

> The lifetime ban of "Charlie Hustle" Pete Rose, baseball's all-time leader in hits, for betting on baseball; the conviction of former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson on rape charges; and Hall of Fame NBA player Wilt Chamberlain's admission of sleeping with over 20,000 women in his lifetime are all examples of missed opportunities to be role models. These athletes have not risen to the occasion like they did in their playing days, and this is telling today's youths that it is all right to gamble, rape, and be irresponsible.

This has to stop, and it must be stopped now before the youth of this country start doing the same things that these "professionals" are doing.

Clinton's actions betray his grand campaign promises

Do as you say, not as you do Mr. President

Well, it looks like Slick Willie is going for the wallet in his new

I'm not even attempting to act surprised, unlike all those people who voted for the peace, love and harmony spiel he used to

'But he's worked so hard to keep from taxing us; look how sorry he feels about it," his loyal followers will tell you. Forgive me if I don't shed a tear for him.

It's tax time again, and Bill is so thoughtfully telling us this year that no matter how tough things are for you, they will be worse next year. That magical promise of a plethora of social reform programs without a tax increase on the middle class is in the presidential dumpster with Socks' old litter. At least Bush waited a little more than

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30 days before breaking three-fourths of his campaign promises. Remember how Chelsea was going to a public school because Bill and the First Dragon had faith in our public school system? Then as that last precinct was in, and they found out that flak jackets were recommended attire in the D.C. public schools, they immediately enrolled her in some Quaker school for homely girls, or maybe it was the Quaker home for schoolly girls. I can't remember which.

I don't blame the Clintons for wanting the best possible education for their daughter and their desire to send her to a school where the other children won't publicly make fun of her looks, but perhaps they should have researched the issue before they made it a campaign cross to bear.

"I will have a Cabinet that looks like America," he proudly proclaimed to his somewhat brainwashed (for lack of a better word) followers back when he was still grabbing for votes with whatever lines

Speaking of lines, I'll bet he could have really been a ladies' man in college, if it hadn't have been for that saxophone thing.

Anyway, now he is in office and has a Cabinet entrenched in the same nepotism that Democrats have criticised for generations. It has more millionaires and Rhodes Scholars than any Cabinet in history. And in his desperate struggle for forced diversity, he has put people into positions largely on the merit of their gender or ethnicity.

He had a handle on the economy during the election and mystically knew every aspect of the answer to its problems. Now he is in

"Sorry folks, just kidding. It's a lot worse than we thought and we are going to tax you out of existence because of our gross accounting error. Nothing personal, I just really don't have to act like I care about you again for another three years. Good luck on those 1040s."

It's not that I think that Bill is and will be the worst president that ever lived because he isn't following through with his campaign promises; that just makes him normal, even if he is a bit premature

The thing that bothers me about it is that people are so caught up in his Kennedy-esque convention, his supposedly new generation of politics and his made for television inauguration that they have forgotten that he is still a politician and subject to the ways of one. Being that dishonest is way of life for many of them and I, for one, have decided to live with it.

This doesn't mean I like Bill for jacking up my taxes and the price of gas or flirting with the asinine notion of letting gays in the military. In fact, I still truly believe that America made a poor decision. But I am giving him the chance to do as he says and turn the country around. Only when he doesn't will I say I told you so.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Blame Game

As I read Sherilyn Shaw's letter to the editor on Tuesday, I was struck by one particular assertion she made. She said, "The entire European race is to blame" for problems facing minorities. Well, this got me thinking that maybe I could blame some of my problems on the Asian race, who for roughly 500 years sacked southern Europe and Italy. Or maybe I could blame the Scandinavian people, whose forefathers, the Vikings, pillaged northern Europe for about 300 years starting around

Naturally, these ideas are ridiculous, but they are the logical conclusion to Ms. Shaw's blame-placing game. This type of argument, however, does lead to my point: Each of us is responsible for our successes and failures. Yes, bad things have and do happen, but 'nobody ever' promised life would be easy, perfect, or fair. Until we stop blaming our current situation on people and events dead for 100 plus years and start working together to stop the gangs and get the drugs off the streets, we are a "house divided"; and the "U" in U.S.A. is meaningless.

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Marriott Waste

This letter concerns how Marriott disposes

of the leftover food every day. I arrived at the Student Center Cafeteria right before closing time, and I wondered what happened to the untouched trays of rice pilaf, steaming vegetables and chicken tetrazini. The servers simply said it was all thrown

away. Sure, some of it became leftovers for the next day's meal, but not very much of it. I'm not here to preach ethics to anyone, but there are hundreds (if not thousands) of starving and homeless people in Fort Worth alone. The Presbyterian Night Shelter can house and feed only 350 people a day — there are over a

million people in the Fort Worth area. Would it really cost anything to send someone over to the Presbyterian Night Shelter or Loaves and Fishes with all of the leftover

Simply take one of those unused vans that sit between the library and the business building. Let someone who would usually clean up

Gas money could come from the profits of Staple's overpriced groceries. Loaves and Fishes (334-0903) and the Presbyterian Night Shelter (336-1781) are only 2 to 4 miles

If this is too much hassle, why can't the workers just take home the food?

I realize there may be some problems with this, but I would be willing to help straighten them out. Anyway, it's just an idea.

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Sports

Lady Frogs fall to SMU

By RICK WATERS TCU Daily Skiff

It's hard to win a basketball game with just one player.

That was the lesson the TCU women's basketball team learned Wednesday night at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum as the SMU Lady Mustangs cruised to an easy 89-69 win.

The Lady Horned Frogs, led by the inspired play of senior guard Rachel Hesse, found the SMU Lady Mustangs had too many weapons to counter and surrendered their 35th consecutive Southwest Conference

But Hesse didn't admit defeat until the buzzer sounded.

Hesse scored 32 points, drained six three-pointers and set a pair of TCU records in 39 minutes of "senior-pride" basketball.

"Rachel had an awesome game," said TCU head coach Fran Garmon. "She played a game out there like a senior plays. If you can't be inspired by the kind of shooting and hustling night she had, then I don't know what it takes."

Unfortunately, Hesse's inspiration wasn't enough to rile up her teammates or stop the Mustangs' transi-

tion game and pressure defense. SMU used a late run in the waning moments of the first half and an icecold shooting performance by the Frogs to coast to their 12th victory of the season and even their SWC record to 5-5. TCU dropped to 8-13 and 0-10 in SWC play.

"I'm pleased with the way we played," said SMU head coach rebounding and when that happens,



TCU Daily Skiff/ Jenny Putchinski

TCU guard Rachel Hesse shoots a jumper during the Lady Frogs 69-89 loss to SMU.

Rhonda Rompola. "We did a great job of running the fast break and hit our open shots."

TCU's big problem and Garmon's primary concern was the lack of rebounding by her posts, she said.

"Our big problem is our posts are not going to the boards," she said. "The guards are doing all the

you've got problems as a team."

The Lady Frogs made a late run and pulled within 10 points, 63-53, on a Hesse layup, but SMU sophomore guard Mary Gleason hit a momentum-killing three-point shot. SMU never looked back.

"That three took the wind out of their sails," Rompola said. "It was

Ponies rally, defeat TCU, 60-53

By WILLIAM HATFIELD TCU Daily Skiff

The TCU men's basketball team proved once again Tuesday they can play with the top teams in the Southwest Conference.

The evidence was present against SMU, at least for a half.

But in a pattern of play that is becoming increasingly frustrating for the Frogs, TCU managed to let a close one slip away in the final 20 minutes.

The Mustangs used a late 8-4 run to extend a 52-49 advantage with two minutes to play into a 60-53 victory before 3,196 fans at Moody Coli-

The first place Ponies improved to 16-5 overall and 9-1 in league play. The Frogs remained in the SWC cellar with a 2-8 conference mark and stand 5-16 overall.

"We gave ourselves a chance to win," said TCU head coach Moe Iba. "We competed, we played hard, but we missed a lot of shots around the goal. If we hit em....'

Iba could only ponder the missed opportunity for an upset of a SMU squad that has won 9 of their last 10 games. The Frogs led by three at halftime and extended their lead to five before the Mustangs made their

Mike Wilson, who scored 11 points and grabbed seven boards before fouling out, gave SMU the lead for good on a dunk with 13 minutes to play. His bucket sparked a 14-5 Pony run over a seven minute span of the second half that seemingly put the game out of reach.

The Frogs battled back, though, from the 49-40 deficit to make it interesting. After Eric Dailey hit a jumper, TCU trailed by only three. But then the SMU seniors took over.

If you didn't read it in the Skiff

it wasn't worth reading.

was taking the same shots I always take, they just weren't falling for me."

ERIC DAILEY TCU Center

Tim Mason, who led the Mustangs with 14 points, hit an 18-foot jumper and Wilson and Gerald Lewis made good on free throw attempts to hold off the late Frog charge.

"Last year we would have found a way to lose this game," said SMU head coach John Shumate. "This year, we have enough senior leadership to get us going and win these things.

For a while it looked like TCU was primed to pull off the upset. The Frogs led by as many six in the first 20 minutes. Senior forward Allen Tolley popped in 16 of his game high 21 points in the first half and freshman guard Jentry Moore hit three-offour shots as TCU took a three point lead into the locker room.

Even better for the Frogs was TCU's dominance of the boards. Dailey grabbed 11 rebounds in the first half alone as TCU outrebounded the Mustangs 25-18.

"We knew the key would be rebounding," Dailey said. "I just

went to the glass and got physical."

However, as Dailey was a monster on the boards, grabbing 17 for the game, he was only 3-of-12 from the

"I was taking the same shots I always take, they just weren't falling for me," he said.

Even more damaging to TCU was the poor showing of Myron Gordon. Gordon came into the game averaging 10.9 points a game but failed to score a point for the Frogs, missing all six of his shot attempts.

SMU was led by a balanced scoring attack. All five starters scored at least nine points for the Ponies. Mustang center Greg Kinzer pulled down 11 boards. TCU held a small rebounding advantage over the taller Mustangs, 39-38. This was a better showing for a Frog squad that was outrebounded by 14 in the teams last

But the Frogs couldn't buy a basket when they had the ball. TCU shot a measly 30-percent from the floor. TCU shot only 4-of-13 from three-

"We played about like we wanted to tonight," said Frog point guard Brent Atwater. "Down the stretch, we had some turnovers, which hurt, and we could never seem to get over



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A&M reports slush fund allegations

Associated Press

Texas A&M has informed the NCAA of an allegation by a prominent alumnus that a recently banned booster was part of a secret attempt to organize a slush fund for improper payments to football players.

Robert Smith, the Texas A&M vice president in charge of rules compliance, said Tuesday his office also will investigate the allegation.

In a letter dated Dec. 26, Dallas businessman and civic leader Larry Ferguson — a member of the 12th Man Foundation — wrote school president William Mobley of the alleged activities of Warren Gilbert Jr. and two other well-known 12th Man members, car dealer J.L. Huffines Jr. of nearby Lewisville, Texas, and businessman Thomas A. O'Dwyer of Dallas.

"During Jackie Sherrill's tenure at A&M, Tom approached me to say that he. Huffines and Gilbert had organized a meeting to raise a cash slush fund for the football efforts," Ferguson wrote.

Ferguson said he had no direct knowledge if a fund was created.

Smith and compliance officer Tedi Zalesky said nothing was done with Ferguson's allegations until this week, when The Dallas Morning News began making inquiries of A&M officials.

According to the two compliance officials, they process information as it "becomes elevated" in importance by certain events.

"I mean, obviously we cannot work all things simultaneously," Smith said. "So when something gets

elevated, then we get on it."

vated the Ferguson claims, Smith

Lettermen's Association — was being disassociated from university athletics after it confirmed allegations that Gilbert-operated compawork they did not perform.

The Dallas Morning News reported Dec. 20 that current and former Gilbert employees had told federal investigators that five members of the 1992 squad were being paid year-round for work not performed.

The university has said none of the The newspaper's questions ele- records Gilbert made available to it confirmed the year-round payments.

Star running back Greg Hill and Texas A&M announced Feb. 5 three other players were suspended that Gilbert — a director of the A&M from the team and missed the Cotton Bowl game against Notre Dame as a result of an investigation triggered by the newspaper report.

O'Dwyer acknowledged knowing nies improperly paid players for Ferguson but called the accusations

"I have absolutely never had a recollection of participating in any slush

fund for any coach," he said. "I don't know anything about that. I don't remember anything at all about that," Huffiness said.

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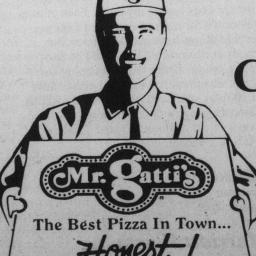
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