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## Greek organizations adopt alcohol education program

By CHRIS NEWTON  
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Four national fraternities and sororities have implemented a new alcohol education program designed to teach the responsibilities and consequences of alcohol use.

The Alcohol and Prevention Research Program is being taught nationwide. The Greek organizations participating include Delta Tau Delta, Phi Gamma Delta, Kappa Alpha Theta and Alpha Chi Omega.

Shay Williams, public relations officer of Alpha Chi Omega, said the message of the program is different

than any other alcohol and drug program.

"The program doesn't say 'don't drink,' it just teaches that there are biological and social outcomes to being an irresponsible drinker," she said.

The program is based on peers helping peers understand the risks of drinking excessively, said Amy Sturbahn, Greek Affairs program adviser.

The fraternities and sororities implemented the program in hope of reducing fraternity alcohol problems on campus, Williams said.

"Nationally, our four organiza-

tions realize that there is an alcohol problem in fraternities and sororities," she said. "They decided the best thing to do would be to unite to find a way to solve the problem."

Greek organizations on other campuses are taking a more direct approach at curbing the alcohol problem. At Southern Methodist University and the University of Texas, the Greek systems have introduced a new measure aimed at eliminating the use of alcohol at Greek-sponsored events.

The Interfraternity Council at SMU voted to forbid members of a fraternity from buying alcohol with

chapter funds and approved penalties for any violations of the new policy.

A 16-week suspension and a \$1,000 fine is the maximum penalty for any violation of the alcohol policy.

The new measure is known as GAMMA, or Greeks Advocating Mature Management of Alcohol. Although the policy was approved by a vote of 11 to 7, not everyone is pleased with the measure.

"Quite frankly, the way I see these rules, this will just move people into smaller keg parties in apartments, and they won't register these events with IFC," said Don Jones, president

of SMU's Kappa Sigma chapter in an interview with the *Dallas Morning News*.

"SMU has so many restrictions and rules, being situated in University Park ... It just makes people revert into going underground, hoping they won't get caught," he said.

The new policies have also caused dissent at UT. David Karabinas, former president of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, said he resents what he perceives as unnecessary interference by the schools Interfraternity Council and that the new rules won't change anything.

"They can still buy their own beer

and haze pledges and harass women and be racist and do whatever they're going to do, if they're going to do it," he said.

At TCU, any violation of the alcohol policy by a fraternity involving a keg or alcohol in mass quantities is handled by the university. The fraternity is disciplined under the same guidelines as any organization would be for violating the code, Sturbahn said.

"The IFC usually adds on some sort of educational requirement to the disciplinary action, such as having

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## Diversity discussion prompts questions

By ANGELA WRIGHT  
TCU Daily Skiff

University students asked questions and vented frustrations in a forum focusing on ethnic diversity Tuesday night in Milton Daniel Hall.

John Lamb, a resident assistant in Milton Daniel who sponsored the forum, invited Greg Turk, a University Ministries intern; Carolyn Durham, associate professor of Spanish; and Morrison Wong, associate professor of sociology to share their experiences with students.

Some students asked why labels such as African-American and Mexican-American are necessary.

"Ideally it sounds great to be able to refer to everyone as Americans, yet I am a fourth generation American and I still get asked my ancestry," Wong said.

Peter Knight-Sheen, also a resident assistant in Milton Daniel, said people should be proud of their nationality and not their color.

"You should be proud of being German or Italian, not of being white. What is white, anyway?" he said.

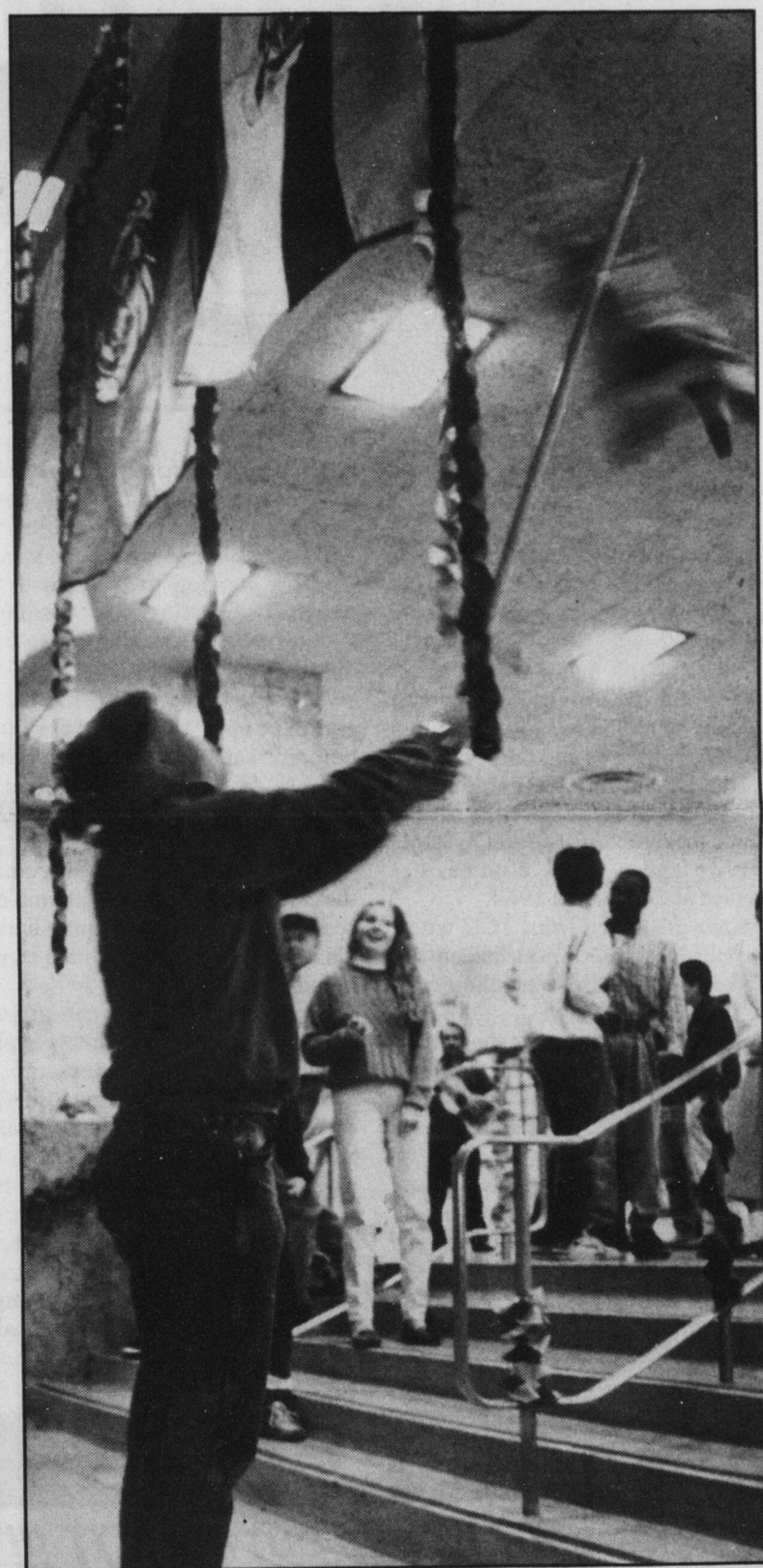
Turk said children growing up in an environment that is unlike their own often experience a sense of shame about themselves and their entire culture.

"That child can not say 'Look at me and love me for who I am,' because with him comes his heritage," Turk said. "He needs to see a pride in his own culture to recognize that the combination (American descent and another) is positive."

Lamb said he was confused about whether or not prejudice issues were pertinent to him.

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## FESTIVE BASH



TCU Daily Skiff/ Beth Aine Bollinger

A crowd watches freshman chemistry major Bruno Podzus break a pinata in the Student Center at an ISA Week celebration Tuesday night.

## Clinton vaccination plan focuses on nation's kids

Professor says more child immunizations are necessary

By CHARLSIE MAYS  
TCU Daily Skiff

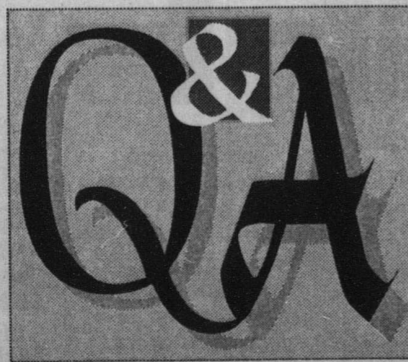
President Bill Clinton recently announced his plan to increase the availability of immunization to American children.

In his plan, Clinton charged the pharmaceutical industry with being profiteers, saying the United States has one of the worst child immunization records in the Western Hemisphere, ahead of only Bolivia and Haiti.

Allene Jones, assistant professor of nursing, offered her opinion of president Clinton's child immunization plan.

Q: In your opinion, is immunization really necessary?

A: We (the United States) are acting like a third world country. There is no excuse for any child in America not to be immunized, regardless of their economic situation. Massive immunization is necessary because we don't need another epidemic.



Q: Do you support President Clinton's plan to make immunization available for more American children?

A: I don't know particulars of the plan, but I do think it is a good plan. I agree with the plan because I think all children should be immunized. I also think the emphasis should be primarily on preventive measures instead of treatment.

Q: Is it legitimate to say the phar-

maceutical industry is a profiteering industry?

A: (The pharmaceutical industry) is a moneymaking industry. The prices are outrageous, especially when you think of the generic versus the trade. Other questions that come up would then be methods of monitoring the industry.

Q: Is cost the only problem in getting children immunized?

A: Being aware of the need for immunization and knowing immunization is a preventive measure, also not being able to afford the immunization and not knowing exactly where to go to get immunized. I think these are probably significant factors.

Q: Do you think complete child immunization is an obtainable goal?

A: All children need to be immunized. If the plan is put into effect then we can be assured that all children will be immunized and people will make sure this is done. Immunization is certainly a need.

## Texans give Clinton low approval rating

### High national score not reflected in state

By JOE CONNOR  
TCU Daily Skiff

Nationwide polls show that over 50 percent of Americans approve of President Clinton, but his rating is at a record low in Texas.

In a statewide poll released last Sunday, only 27 percent of Texans said they approved of the job Clinton has done since the presidential election in November.

Clinton's rating in the poll is the lowest for any chief executive since former President Richard Nixon's 36 percent approval from Texans during the Watergate scandal in 1973.

The poll contrasts with a *New York Times/CBS News* nationwide poll released last Tuesday which found that 53 percent of Americans approved of the job Clinton has done.

James Riddlesperger, political science department chairman, said public opinion is usually high at the beginning of a new administration. Clinton's low rating was surprising because the first 100 days of a presidency are normally a 'honeymoon.' But lately politics in Texas have not followed the norm, he said.

"In presidential politics in recent years Texas has been a very Republican state," he said.

Election results from the precinct

where campus residents vote showed only 31 percent of voters supported Clinton; 51 percent backed Bush and 18 percent supported Ross Perot.

"This area demographically is basically white, middle-class, with many churchgoers who have conservative ideals," said Dave Peters, a junior history and political science major.

Former President George Bush called Texas his home and beat Clinton in the state during the 1992 presidential election, while losing the race nationally.

In a *New York Times/CBS News* poll taken immediately following Clinton's State of the Union Address last Wednesday, a majority of Americans polled supported his economic plan.

In the address, Clinton unveiled a four-year blueprint to revitalize the American economy.

The economic program includes a plan for cutting the federal deficit by \$493 billion over four years. Clinton said that will require some \$246 billion in new taxes — including increased income taxes and a new energy tax.

Jeff Foster, a junior religion studies major, said he doesn't mind paying taxes as long as it improves the health care system and decreases the

deficit.

But not everyone agrees with Clinton's new tax proposals.

"It's been proven you can't tax your way to prosperity and that's what he is trying to do," said David Nolen, a freshman business major.

Nolen also said that Texans aren't going to react favorably to taxes on natural gas and oil.

Nonetheless, half of those surveyed in the Texas poll said the direction of the country will improve under Clinton.

In last Tuesday's poll, 67 percent of Americans said job creation should be a more immediate priority than deficit reduction for the new administration.

Forty percent of those polled said the chances were high that an adult in their family would be out of work and looking for a job in the next year.

Locally, evidence shows the economy has worsened. Manufacturing job losses propelled the Fort Worth-Arlington unemployment rate to its highest level in 11 years, the Texas Employment Commission said Tuesday.

The portion of the Fort Worth-Arlington work force that was unemployed reached 8.1 percent in January, up from 6.6 percent in December.

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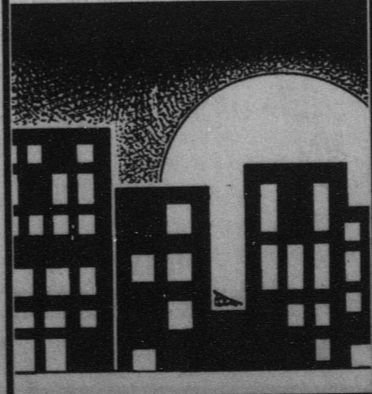
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## METROPLEX

Today's weather will be rainy with a high of 58 degrees.  
Friday will be cloudy with high temperatures in the 30s.



## Alumni pick up where they left off

By NATALIE TAYLOR  
TCU Daily Skiff

Mem'ries sweet and comrades true don't have to be left behind on graduation day for TCU alumni currently working for their alma mater. Many members of TCU's faculty and administration have found great reward in returning to work for the school from which they received their degree.

The university has no policy regarding the hiring of alumni, said Donna Johnson, administrative assistant for academic affairs. However, this practice has almost become a trend, as more and more alumni settle into careers at TCU.

DeVonna Tinney, director of alumni relations, thinks that alumni on staff are a very valuable asset for a college campus.

"We're very conscious of hiring TCU graduates," she said. "If we had two candidates equally qualified, I'd prefer the TCU grad because he or she is already familiar with the campus."

Tinney works in the Alumni Relations Department with three other TCU graduates.

Sarah Galloway is an associate director of Alumni Relations and a '92 graduate of TCU, with a degree in English. She began working for Alumni Relations June 1, 1992, just two weeks after her graduation.

Galloway found the transition from student to employee very awkward at first.

"Professors and staff members are

my peers instead of the students being my peers," she said. "While I am at work, I have to distance myself from my friends who still go to TCU."

Galloway said she finds the Alumni Relations Department an ideal setting because she comes into contact with wide ranges of people each day. Her duties include working with alumni chapters to organize reunions, rejuvenating flailing chapters and working with the Fort Worth Young Alumni Chapter.

She is also responsible for some Homecoming activities and editing all material produced by the Alumni Office.

Galloway traces her organizational skills to her experience as a student. She balanced many activities with her studies and graduated Phi Beta Kappa.

Tinney said Galloway's TCU experience wasn't the only reason she hired her, but it helped.

"Sarah was the best qualified of all our applicants," she said. "Of course, it did help that she knows TCU so well. We needed someone who could come right in and start to work."

Melissa Allen received her bachelor's degree in business administration in 1986 and her MBA in 1990 from TCU, and has worked as an associate director of Alumni Relations for over two years.

"When I got my master's I knew I wanted to work for a nonprofit organization, so I was fortunate TCU was

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CAMPUSlines

ISA Week International Students Association is sponsoring an Eastern Hemisphere Artifacts Exhibit on Feb. 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Center Entrance. On Feb. 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. "Tastes of the World" will be in the Student Center Lounge. On Feb. 27 at 6 p.m. a banquet and talent show will be in the Student Center Ballroom. Tickets will be \$9 and can be purchased on a meal card. On Feb. 28 at 1 p.m. "Tour de TCU" will be held. Entry fee is \$5.

Pre-law Association is having their Spring Forum Feb. 25 at 5:30 p.m. in the Student Center. For more information call Michelle at 926-6935.

Social Work Association is holding a meeting Thursday, Feb. 25 at 5 p.m. in the Reed Hall Basement.

Book Fair sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women will be held Feb. 27 through March 3 at the Will Rogers Memorial Center Poultry Building. Sun. through Wed. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission is \$1 for those over 18. For more information call Beth at 731-4923.

"Appraisal Day" sponsored by the Fort Worth Art Dealers Association will be held Feb. 28. Verbal appraisals will be \$10 for the first item and \$5 for each additional item. For more information call 737-9566.

Horoscope

By JOYCE JILLSON CREATOR'S SYNDICATE INC.

PISCES(Feb.19-Mar.20). Most enjoyable pursuits are free ones; money matters tend to be expensive no matter how routine, so put hand in pocket as little as possible. Evening is great for doing without dessert; it's worth it!

ARIES(Mar.21-Apr.19). Continue to take the lead through the end of the week. You're putting finishing touches on pet projects; your share of the credit comes right on time. Be the first to give a pat on back to associates.

TAURUS(Apr.20-May 20). Stay in the background and pay close attention to the action up front. Your turn is coming. Friend who says you must meet a romantic prospect may have a point. Daily family routine is your rock.

GEMINI(May 21-June 21). Distraction from your main objective would be an error now. Enjoy lunch with colleagues or meetings. Self-help groups are fine for breaking bad habits, and you may meet a romance at a meeting!

CANCER(June 22-July 22). Decisive action is necessary, and you establish authority by taking it. Expertise is earning a reputation for you. Finalize plans for a journey, a move or a visit with relatives who live far away.

LEO(July 23-Aug.22). Romance is nicer when you use a bit of imagination. If saving for kids' future needs is a concern, study up on the latest tips. Can you tell the difference between true love and a little flirtation?

VIRGO(Aug.23-Sept.22). Don't form opinions until you're sure, but do keep eyes open and read all the fine print. Old money matter comes back to be straightened out once and for all. Spend time with family.

LIBRA(Sept.23-Oct.23). Credit for a job well done may be delayed, but rest assured, it will come soon. Worry about a friend can interfere with your own work; make a personal call to settle your mind. Mate's strength sustains you.

SCORPIO(Oct.24-Nov.21). Hard work helps to put your nerves to rest; others don't guess how sensitive you are and how subject to self-doubt. Checkup may reveal that you'd feel better with lighter eating habits; ask a Virgo.

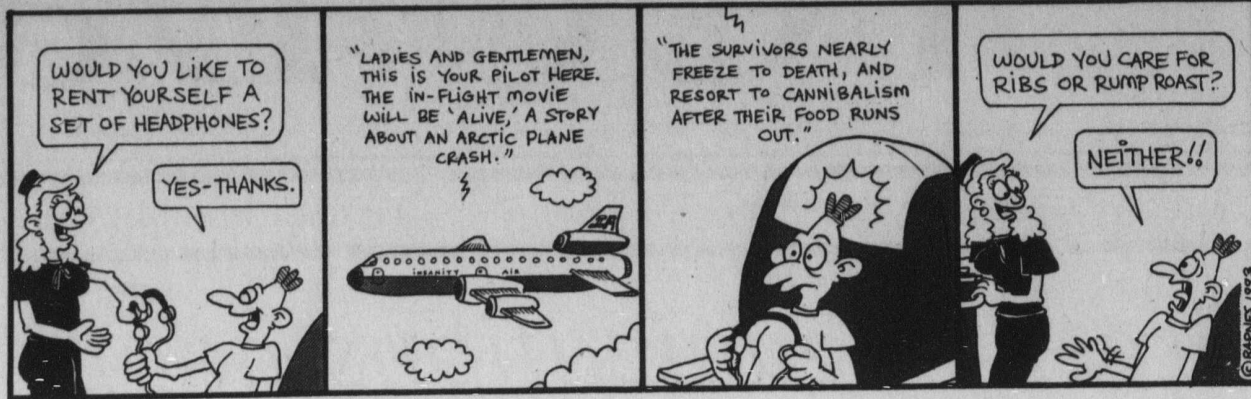
SAGITTARIUS(Nov.22-Dec.21). Easy come, easy go; observe carefully in all romantic matters, but don't jump to conclusions. Child needs extra attention; lots of unconditional love is the key. High energy day; get some exercise!

CAPRICORN(Dec.22-Jan.19). Emotional upsets may be transmuted into cravings for food or fun; find some healthy relaxation therapy, and then indulge yourself! If an object of value disappears, it may show up next Tuesday.

AQUARIUS(Jan.20-Feb.18). Don't be surprised if the family has the weekend all planned out for you. A new friend may give poor advice about a purchase or investment; use two sources before deciding. Tonight, Aries needs you.

Insanity Fair

by Joe Barnes



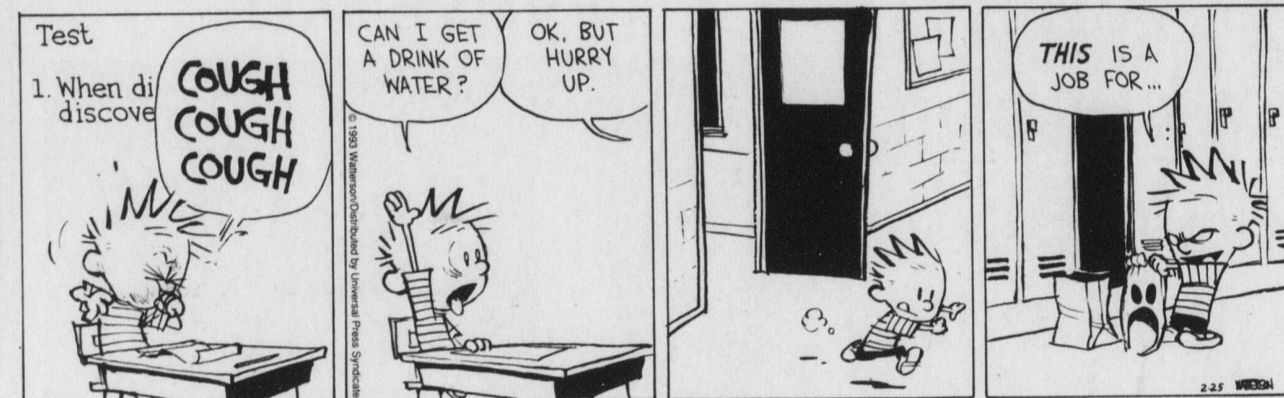
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by Andy Grieser



Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



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"I grew up in a predominantly white environment and I presently go to school in an almost all white environment and I never had to deal with prejudice issues," Lamb said.

Mary Jacob, who is Indian, said she did not know how to handle racial problems because she had never been faced with them prior to coming to TCU from Illinois.

"There seem to be so many racial problems in the South and when I receive a racist comment, I don't know how to handle it," Jacob said. Students felt minority issues will grow as the population of minorities grows in the United States.

However, Joey Cottrell, a junior English major, said an increase in the minority population alone will not solve racial problems.

"As long as the White House, Congress, and the infrastructure of this country remain elitist, the divisions will remain," Cottrell said. "South Africa is a prime example of the majority alone not being enough to have power."

Other students shared their experiences with prejudice.

Knight-Sheen said he never dealt with racial issues until a roommate

**"T**here is so much B.S. that goes on between minority students and white students here."

KYLE SARTON, Senior biology major

used to express his ideas about minorities.

"I had never used derogatory terms about other groups of people before I met him," Knight-Sheen said. "I'd laugh at his comments and then I'd catch myself."

"It's so easy to fall into the stereotypes," he said. "People (who use stereotypes) that way don't care about other people and their feelings."

Phyllis Bodie, program coordinator in student activities, is a native of the Bahamas and said that she has seen where people can live together and not deal with racism and prejudice.

"I never knew the word 'black' had the connotation that it does until

I came to the United States," she said. Durham asked students if they felt TCU allowed minority students an outlet to voice their opinion and for their solutions to the problem of bias and prejudice.

Kyle Sarton, a senior biology major, said that TCU is one of the hardest environments to actually meet other people from different cultures.

"There is so much B.S. that goes on between minority students and white students here," Sarton said. "You can just feel it when you walk past someone."

Others suggested college-age students must begin making a change now. David Dye, a resident assistant in Milton Daniel, said young people must teach their children about differences and to respect those differences.

Chad Smith, a junior business major, said discussions are always held and action is never taken.

"At this point in my life, I feel that the only thing I can do is to accept people as they are and not hold entire groups of people responsible for the past," Smith said.

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hiring at the time," Allen said.

The transition was not as cumbersome for Allen because as a graduate student she was already on a first name basis with many of her professors. She had also had experience working with Tinney in the Alumni Relations office as an undergraduate.

Not all alumni on campus are recent graduates, however. Betty Knox, the director of the TCU News Service and a TCU alumna, has worked at TCU since 1964.

Knox graduated from TCU with a bachelor's degree in journalism and got her master's in counseling from TCU, also.

She began working for the university as both the director of the News Service and the editor of This is TCU, the university's quarterly magazine.

Beginning in 1978, Knox focused solely on the News Service, which she describes as the bridge between the university and the public.

Knox also has three full-time employees who each earned degrees

from TCU. "Between the four of us, we have six TCU degrees," she said.

Knox's interest in working for TCU was sparked when she spent a summer working at TCU with the National Institute for Guidance Counselors and enjoyed being back on campus.

"It's been nice to work with the same people that I had known before," she said. "Having earned degrees from here, it was nice to come back and be a part of it in a new way."

No TCU offices were able to cite the exact number of TCU alumni currently employed on campus, but the benefits of their presence are said to be innumerable.

"A graduate of TCU can give his perspective and an honest, experienced assessment," Tinney said.

Alumni are assets because they carry over the warm feeling they have for their alma mater into the working atmosphere, she said.

The greatest reward for both the employed alumni and for the university itself is that "you're selling a product you believe in," Knox said.

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the organization attend a seminar on the dangers of drinking," she said.

While a no-kegs policy has governed most fraternity-sponsored parties, only actions like those taken at SMU and UT can effectively enforce these policies, said Mark Wildemann, SMU's Interfraternity Council adviser.

"I'm glad these guys are taking a stance right now," he said. "This is a good way for them to take care of their business with the alcohol issue."

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# Opinion

## Government-funded art presents dilemma for American taxpayer

Think about the following scenario: You walk into an art gallery and buy a piece of art, but they don't let you look at it until they have your nonrefundable check in their cash register. It's all wrapped up until you get home, when you pull off the cover and see what you have bought.

It might be the Mona Lisa or Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, but it could also be a photo of some sexually disoriented (at least by my way of thinking) individual with a whip sticking out of a strategic orifice of his body. Sometimes you get a masterpiece, and other times you get trash.

And you have no control over what you are buying.

This sounds like a completely stupid way to buy art, but it is the situation we



**CLAY GAILLARD**

None of your business, just pay up. I know that these groups do many great things, such as providing scholarship opportunities for art students and funding

have with the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities, organizations funded by the federal government which will receive \$351 million of our tax money this year.

What will these artists produce?

None of your business, just pay up. I know that these groups do many great things, such as providing scholarship opportunities for art students and funding

museums. And I believe that censorship curtails the creative process and should be avoided in nearly all cases.

So we are presented with a rather complex problem: Do we fund all artistic endeavors, regardless of content, to keep from having to censor some of them, or do we fund only those artists who produce work that is found to be unoffensive to the majority of the general population? What's more — do we do away with federal funding of artists entirely?

Censorship is so subjective that it would be impossible to get a consensus on what is "offensive" and what is "tasteful," and would end up being a severe detriment to the arts in general; the talented people wouldn't go into the field because of the restrictions placed upon their work.

If we unconditionally fund the arts, we

have the scenario of paying for some things that we are repulsed by and don't want. And it's not like our government has money to throw around anyway.

My suggestion is that the arts go back to being funded by the private sector. The government needn't pay for art, which is a matter of personal taste.

If an "artist" wants to make movies of himself frolicking with a baby giraffe and a weed eater then I have no problems with it. I do think the animal rights crowd should be notified, however.

I would still think he is certifiably sick and I don't care to help pay for his little romp in the name of art.

His funding should be provided by that unrequited section of society that is crying out for films involving bestiality and lawn equipment.

If it is possible to get funding that easily, then maybe I'll try to get some. I'll take the money to Radio Shack and buy a really cheap camera and a few rolls of film.

The day I start my career, I'll start the day off with a big bowl of crack for breakfast. After that, I can take pictures of anything I want and art will be my license.

Sounds pretty ridiculous to think that someone like me could exploit the government program to that extent, and you would be furious if you had to pay for it.

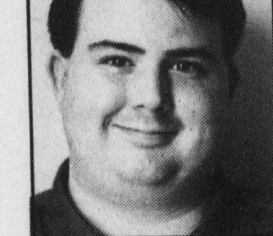
But that is exactly what is happening as long as the endowments continue.

Happy viewing.

*Clay Gaillard is a junior English major from Texhoma, Okla.*

## Class envy sparks continued attacks on the wealthy, capitalist system

Recently, arguments have graced the pages of the Skiff regarding the fairness (or possible lack thereof) of our American economy. Disillusioned individuals who undoubtedly are lamenting the fact that they cannot succeed in our present economic system now resort to class envy and absurd claims that the rich are not paying their fair share of taxes.



**JEFF JETER**

Again, simply look at the numbers. According to the nonpartisan organization, Tax Foundation, the richest 5 percent of Americans pay 43 percent of all federal income taxes. The richest 10 percent pay 54 percent of all federal income taxes. Also, the richest 25 percent pay 76.3 percent of all federal individual income taxes. Thus it is irresponsible and down right fallacious to conclude that the wealthy are somehow shirking "their fair share" of taxes. If fairness is the measuring stick, then the rich are paying far more than they should be.

The original argument never questioned the fairness of the system, but rather how changes in the tax structure will impact the economy. Again, you cannot tax prosperity and expect growth to follow. This was the folly of the 1990 budget agreement and it will be the reality that dooms the Clinton economic program. But despite the clear, significant impact of the rich, there are still those who continue to beat the drum that the wealthy have unduly benefited by the tax structure and the present economic system. The implication is that the rich are evil creatures simply because the capitalist system worked for them. Such claims are absolutely absurd.

Of course some individuals grew richer. This is the nature of the economic system we employ. The generation and accumulation of wealth is one of the basic goals of a capitalist system, but it is evidently an idea that some naive idealists have failed to grasp.

However, the economic pie from which we eat is by no means finite — one person's large piece of prosperity does not leave others with a significantly smaller slice of their own. The capitalist economy America embraces encourages everyone to achieve greatness and success. The irony is that once this success is realized, an individual is suddenly viewed as a greedy tyrant.

The profit motive drives individuals to invest and reinvest and to take advantage of prosperous times. In doing so, new jobs are created, new capital is acquired, and new growth is achieved. This should be our goal. But as the liberals in the Clinton administration seek to expand the breadth and influence of government, we will find that the exact opposite will occur — economic growth will ultimately be stunted.

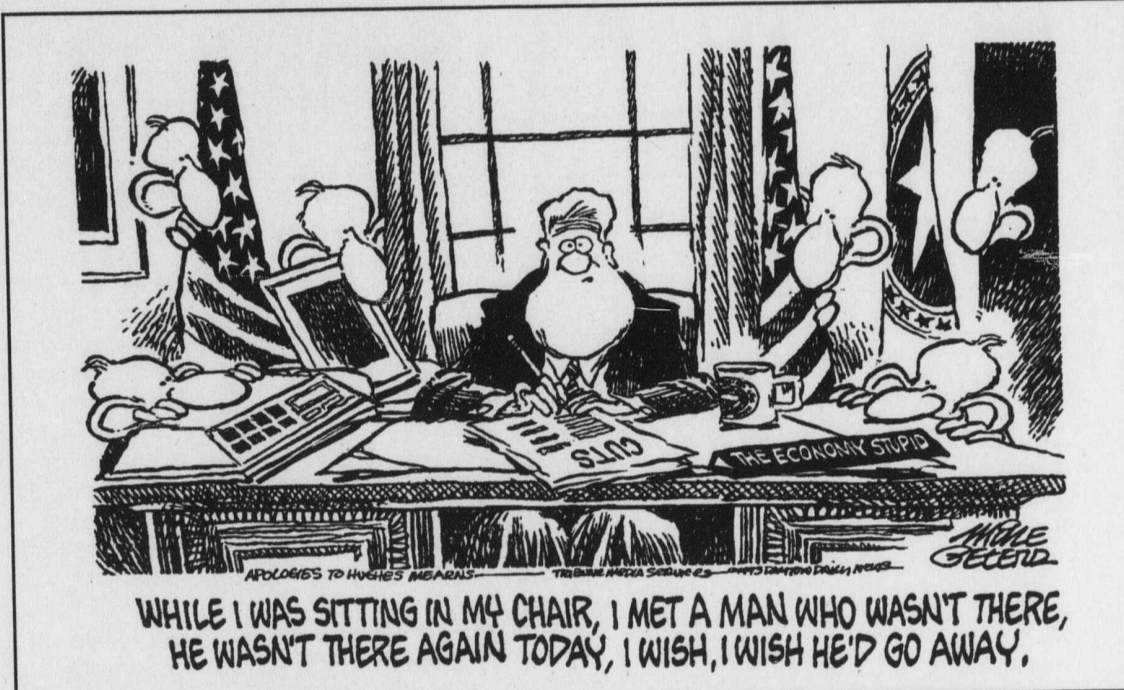
The arguments against the wealthy — the ones that comprise the driving force behind all Democratic economic packages — rely solely on class envy to support their anti-capitalist sentiments. These critics want people to conclude that it is simply not fair that some get rich while others did not. They want people to decide that the prosperity attained by the wealthy was arrived at by unfair and unscrupulous tricks and fiscal policy slight-of-hand. They long for the time that the masses buy into this unfairness rhetoric and demand a "fairer" redistribution of wealth.

The reality is that life is not fair. Capitalism is not fair. This is the nature of the beast. The Founding Fathers never sought absolute economic fairness. Neither did they envision the sort of socialist system that would ensure this.

At the heart of our prized American individualism lies the promise of equality of opportunity — not equality of results. Once the nation admits this, we will be closer to ending this class envy and we will move closer towards expanding prosperity for all.

But in the meantime, it is absurd to think that punishing success will create growth, especially when individual prosperity is the only way to trigger substantial national prosperity. Instead of seeking to punish the rich for their wealth, the government should be striving to expand wealth for all. But this cannot and will not be achieved as long as prosperity remains the scapegoat.

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### EDITORIAL

## All-you-can-eat Marriott, student leaders work together for change

TCU students now have the "best" of both food service worlds with the addition of an all-you-can-eat option in Eden's Greens.

The buffet program, being held on a trial basis on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, is scheduled to last for five weeks before being reevaluated, taking into consideration the number of people who attended and other factors. In the first week of the new program, more than 100 people attended each night.

This is a promising step in the relationship between Marriott and the students on campus. Instead of simply complaining about the quality of food or availability of various types of services, the students — through the Food Service Committee of the House of Student Representatives — worked with Vern Johnson and other members of Marriott to bring about a change and to give students what they wanted.

Both Marriott and the student body leaders should be applauded for working together to make a positive change for campus food service. Now that they have taken the first step, it is up to the rest of the campus community to

see that these changes are successful. Students should make every effort to insure that the new all-you-can-eat option is beneficial for Marriott as well as the students.

This means that people must show up and take advantage of the all-you-can-eat program. If students do not take advantage of the program during this trial period, then the whole idea will be scrapped later.

The all-you-can-eat format is a great idea and should be permanently established, even if it is only implemented one or two nights a week.

However, the best aspect of the buffet program is that it offers students a choice. This should remain a choice and not be completely converted from the traditional *a la carte* meal plans.

This new cooperation between students and staff has proven to be successful. It proves that much more can be done by communicating than complaining. Hopefully, this lesson will be taken to heart and applied throughout the remainder of campus.

### LETTERS

#### Thanks

The Steering Committee of the University Self-Study would like to thank all those persons who assisted the reaffirmation of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). The reaffirmation committee was on campus on February 1 and 2 to evaluate all aspects of the university's operations. All indications are excellent for reaffirmation of TCU's accreditation. The final vote on reaffirmation will occur in December at the annual meeting of the Southern Association.

Literally hundreds of faculty, staff and students were interviewed by the committee and assisted the reaffirmation committee in a variety of supporting roles. Student organizations such as Army ROTC and Student Foundation that assisted at the airport were instrumental in helping to give the team an excellent first impression of the university. Staff from information services, facilities services, business services, university services, physical plant, Marriott food service, the Student Center, the university store, Campus Police, instructional services, printing and mailing, and many other administrative offices played important behind-the-scenes roles that made the crucial difference for a successful visit.

Besides their positive remarks about the

self-study, the committee members made very favorable comments about their courteous treatment on campus, the cleanliness of the campus grounds and buildings, and also the well-groomed student body! It was apparent that the committee arrived with a good impression of the university and left with an even better one.

The university community deserves many compliments for the efforts they made to make the committee visit run smoothly and also for coming together to produce a broadly representative self-study report of significant value to the future of TCU. Consequently, we are looking forward to a very positive response from SACS regarding the reaffirmation of TCU's accreditation.

Again, our thanks.

**Gene Alpert and the University Self-Study Steering Committee**

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## Attitude changes make large impact on the homeless

Those of you who have heard the song "Mr. Wendel" by Arrested Development may have been inspired to dwell upon the experiences you have had with the homeless. The lead singer reflects on "the first time I saw a man with no clothes, no money, no place," and his interactions with, "Mr. Wendel, that's his name. No one ever knew his name because he's a no one. Never thought twice about spending on an old bum until I had the chance to really get to know one."

The song has caused me, as well, to ponder. While my experiences with the homeless in Fort Worth have been few and far between, such was not the case last summer when I was working in Washington, D.C. as a congressional intern.

There are panhandlers everywhere in D.C., especially at the infamous Dupont Circle, where I would pass the same individuals every day when I got off the bus and walked to the subway. And they would be there again, every evening, on my return trip. And, day and night, they would invariably ask me for money, and I would invariably refuse.

It didn't take long for me to get the impression that these same individuals did nothing but sit for nine hours while I worked my butt off for the small stipend I wouldn't receive until I had been there for three weeks. My irritation at their existence mounted daily, and as I became a familiar sight, their irritation at my lack of charity grew also. One woman in particular would grumble, "I don't know why people never want to help the homeless" if I passed her without making a donation.

One day, I finally reached the boiling point, and when the woman grumbled about me not wanting to help the homeless, I said something to the effect of "Listen, woman, you have more money in that cup you're shaking than I do in my wallet to get me through the next week. So don't get mad at me."

This, in fact, was true — I was on a very limited budget. I felt justified in my comments, so I didn't think about the remarks I had made to the woman on the street right away. I didn't even take the situation into consideration the next day when she pointed me out to one of her homeless companions, whispered something, and glared.

Sometime before I left, though, the horridness of what I said to that woman hit me. No, I didn't have much more money than she did. But I did have a bed to sleep in, a roof over my head, clothes, food to eat and parents who would never let me go without any of those things.

Arrested Development sings "Mr. Wendel has tried to warn us about our ways but we don't hear him talk. Is it his fault or have we gone too far . . . ?" I had gone too far, and I'm glad I realized it before I left.

During the last week that I was there (after I was finally paid) a friend and I were coming back from eating dinner and we passed the aforementioned woman again. I had no spare change on me, but I was carrying my leftover pasta from the restaurant in a tin foil swan. She asked me for money, I said no, and she grumbled again. I walked a few feet before I turned around and asked if she would like some food. She nodded and I handed her the ridiculous swan. It occurred to me a little later that it could be difficult for her to eat the pasta without any utensils, that she may not like Italian food, etc., etc., but somehow a truce had been made. She didn't ask me for money the next day, but I had made sure that I had change with me and gave her some anyway.

"Go ahead, man. Here, have a dollar. In fact, no brother man, here have two. Two dollars means a snack for me, but it means a big deal to you." If we would all just "give a little," it could make such a difference. A change in attitude is only the beginning.

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# Sports

## Lady Frogs upset Oklahoma 79-76

By RICK WATERS  
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The TCU women's basketball team got to experience something they hadn't experienced in almost a month — the thrill of victory.

The Lady Frogs needed an early wake up call from TCU head coach Fran Garmon and some lady luck down the stretch to capture their ninth victory of the season, edging the Oklahoma Lady Sooners 79-76 Wednesday night at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Garmon called a timeout with 15:41 left in the first half and pulled all five of her starters tell them she wouldn't settle for another loss.

Garmon's psych job worked as the Lady Frogs changed a 14-8 deficit into a 32-36 advantage by halftime.

"I just told them if they didn't want to play hard, I would find five other players that would," Garmon said. "They didn't enjoy sitting and came on and played hard."

TCU improved its record to 9-14

overall and 0-11 in Southwest Conference play, while Oklahoma dropped to 11-13.

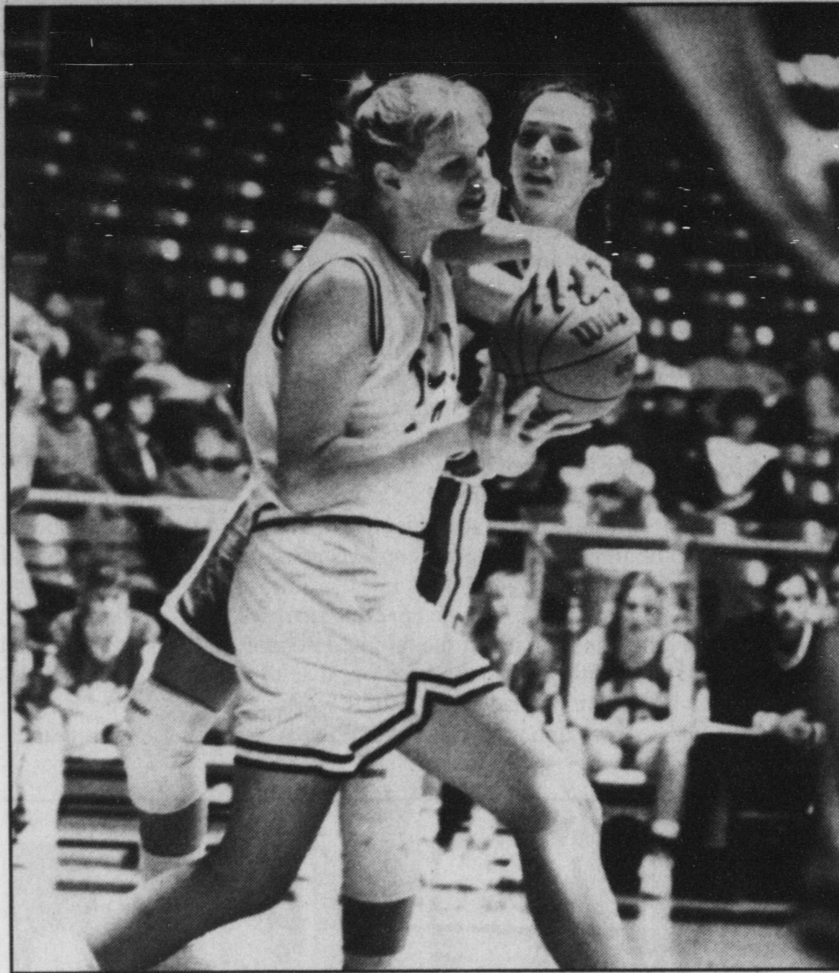
Seniors Andrea Boris and Rachel Hesse paved the way for the Lady Frogs, chipping in 22 and 16 points respectively and hitting some clutch jump shots down the stretch. Posts Amy Bumsted and Donna Krueger contributed 11 points apiece.

The Lady Frogs seemed to find their shooting touch in the second half, hitting 43 percent of their shots, slashing through the open gaps of the Lady Sooners 3-2 zone and extending their lead to as many as 12 points.

However, the Lady Frogs had to wait for the final buzzer to sound to be assured of victory.

A flurry of last-minute TCU turnovers fueled a late Sooner run and gave Oklahoma a chance for a winning shot with seconds left.

OU guard Etta Maytubby drove the lane and lost the ball on an apparent foul, but a no-call from the official and Bumsted's two clutch free throws secured the victory.



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TCU's Amy Bumsted fights for control of the ball during the Lady Frogs' 79-76 win over Oklahoma Wednesday night at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

## Frogs bring home conference titles

By WANDA MOSLEY  
TCU Daily Skiff

Texas had the quantity, but TCU had the quality at the Southwest Conference Indoor Championship track meet at Will Rogers Coliseum, Feb. 19-20.

The Longhorns captured both the men's and women's team titles at the conference meet, but it was the Flyin' Frogs who captured the hearts of the hometown fans with victories in the women's shot put and the men's mile and 55-meter dash.

"Even though the team's size may appear to be a detriment, having a small team allows for the one-on-one attention needed that resulted in a well-balanced effort at the conference championship meet," said head coach Bubba Thornton.

The Frogs finished sixth in the men's standings with 56 points and the women finished seventh with 22 points.

Shot putter Stevanie Wadsworth established a new SWC indoor meet record in the women's shot put, with a heave of 55 feet one-fourth inches, a mark that beat most of the men competitors as well.

Being well-rested and fresh were two of the reasons Wadsworth gave for her outstanding performance. She said that not having to compete on Friday, the first day of the meet, turned out to be a great help.

"It worked out that I had Friday off and I didn't workout on Thursday," Wadsworth said. "I was well-rested and at home so I didn't have to travel and I think that really helped a lot."

Going into the conference meet, Wadsworth was the No. 1 ranked shot putter in the nation and expected a tough challenge from the No. 2 and No. 3 shot putters in the nation from Texas and SMU respectively.

"I knew I had to have my best throw to win," Wadsworth said.

Wadsworth will now focus her attention on the NCAA Indoor Championship meet to be held on March 12-13 in Indianapolis, IN.

"Obviously Stevanie has a great opportunity to win the indoor national championship in the shot," Thornton said.

Jimmy Oliver won the men's 55-meter dash in a time of 6.26 seconds, defeating the pre-meet favorite, Samuel Jefferson of Houston in the process. Oliver also placed third in the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 7.48 seconds, and was one of the top individual scorers in the meet.

"Everybody thinks the win that Jimmy had was somewhat of a surprise, but it really wasn't a surprise to me," Thornton said. "He has great

explosion and he's a good competitor."

Freshman Hosia Abdallah finished fourth in the 55-meters with a time of 6.36 seconds, barely missing out on a medal.

"Hosia as a freshman finished really well," Thornton said. "I've seen a lot of freshman who have had better times coming in their freshman year and not competed that well. He's off to a good start."

The Frogs third conference champion was freshman Eddie Crowe who won the men's mile with a time of 4:07, nipping Steve Sisson of Texas by a second. Senior Glenn LeGros finished fourth with a time of 4:12, while Keith Pickett finished seventh in 4:17, after leading the race for six of the 10 laps.

Thornton is pleased with Crowe's performance at the conference meet and sees him as a huge asset to the team in future outdoor meets like the Penn Relays and Texas Relays.

"With the addition of Eddie Crowe in the mile, that helps the whole group," Thornton said. "It helps us form distance medley relays and other relay combinations when we go to the large relay carnivals."

Thornton was also pleased with the performance of other sprinters, including the team's top 200 meter finishers, Dallas Cowan and Brashant Carter.

Cowan finished second in the 200 with a time of 21.9 seconds, while Carter was fourth with a time of 22.04.

"Another person that a lot of people were really surprised with, and again I'm not really surprised, was Brashant Carter," Thornton said. "He looked really good."

Carter also finished fifth in the triple jump, leaping 49-feet one and three-fourths of an inch.

One of the gutsiest performances was turned in by senior Andrew Beckman in the men's 800-meters. Beckman finished third in a time of 1:53.90, less than a second behind champion Daniel Fredricks of Baylor and runner-up Bryce Cramer of Rice. Fredricks led the entire race, but Beckman made a valiant charge the final two laps that produced a virtual deadheat with less than 100 meters to go in the race. Fredricks had just a little bit more left at the end though and crossed the tape first in 1:53.22. Beckman finished third, when Cramer passed him at the tape.

In the women's 55-meter dash, Beverly McDonald finished second in a time of 7.04 seconds to defending conference champion Michelle Collins of Houston who won the race with a time of 7.04 seconds.

## Nothing beats March madness

By WILLIAM HATFIELD  
TCU Daily Skiff

As the lingering effects of the traditional Valentine's Day sugar binge wear off, sports fans once again find themselves mired in the athletic doldrums known as February.

Football starving Texans have gone hungry for three weeks and the local "pro" basketball franchise looks more like SlimFast than a sporting feast.

Baseball is still 30 to 40 degrees away and the two hockey franchises play in slow motion. Texans have yet to embrace pro hockey in DFW, but this comes as no shock. Anybody north of the Red River will tell you a Texan on ice is a vulnerable Texan.

The only saving grace for sports fans is the anticipation of what lies ahead of Feb. 28.

The greatest sporting event in the country...March Madness.

The NCAA Tournament should be exceptionally crazy this season. As many as 12 teams have legitimate shots at winning the title if they get on a hot streak around the Ides of March.

What this translates to sports fans everywhere is a month of excitement unmatched in any other sporting tournament.

Yet hints of March fever are beginning to creep up even today. Teams throughout the nation are jockeying for position to make a final stretch run at making the 64-team tournament field.

### SPORTS VIEWS

It looks like the Southwest Conference race is coming down to a sprint between a Pony and an Owl. Rice and SMU have provided the only consistent showings of the eight SWC teams. SMU leads the league at 9-1, with Rice close behind at 9-2. Rice proved again it has a legitimate team with an impressive seven point wins against third-place Baylor and Texas Tech. SMU looked rusty but still managed a win against TCU last week.

Mustang coach John Shumate was right on when he said that a sign of a good team is to play poorly and still win. SMU has the talent and the senior leadership to go through the rest of the season undefeated. A SMU team with 23 wins, even if they lose the SWC tournament, would be a good NCAA team and a pesky first-round opponent.

Rice got the big snub from the NCAA and NIT despite a 20-win season last year. Big Brent Scott and a talented back court should help the Owls to 22 wins and an NCAA berth as well.

Houston is the SWC's version of Norman Bates this season. An 11-2 record and Top 25 ranking proceeded a four game losing streak. But the Cougars have righted themselves and are on a five game tear. This Sunday's TV game against 22nd ranked Louisville was a good national show-

## Frogs fall at DePaul

From Staff Reports  
TCU Daily Skiff

Not even a change of scenery could change the fortune of the TCU men's basketball team.

The Frogs lost their fifth straight game, falling 79-68 to DePaul at the Rosemont Horizon in Chicago Wednesday night. With the loss, TCU fell to 5-18 on the season. DePaul improved to 15-11 with the victory.

TCU trailed just 29-23 at halftime, before the Blue Demons opened things up in the second half. A double technical foul on TCU senior forward Allen Tolley for unsportsmanlike conduct early in the second half opened the flood-

gates for DePaul. The Blue Demons went on a 29-17 run to open the second half and take their biggest lead of the evening at 58-40.

Despite the double technical, Tolley was mistakenly allowed to stay in the game for another nine minutes, before being ejected. To compound the Frogs' troubles, center Eric Dailey played most of the second half with four fouls, allowing DePaul to pound the ball inside almost at will after halftime.

Despite being hampered with the four fouls, Dailey led TCU with a season high 25 points. Myron Gordon, who also finished the game with four fouls, added 14 points for the Frogs.

case for the Cougars. The 89-81 win over the Cardinals was a tremendous boost for Houston's NCAA tourney hopes. It was even more impressive because two front line starters fouled out for Houston seven minutes to play.

Baylor will need some help to get to the big dance, but an NIT berth is certainly in reach. If the Bears can claw their way to 18 or 19 wins, the NIT will come knocking. Especially since Baylor is averaging almost six thousand fans at home. However, after losses to Texas and Houston, the Bears are closely approaching double digits in the loss column.

The rest of the SWC teams will have to hope for a conference tournament miracle if they want to see post-season action. Texas Tech has been the biggest disappointment in the league this year. The Red Raiders are struggling at 12-10. Many

thought this team had the talent and depth to challenge for the conference title. Texas's fall can be attributed to injuries. The same is true for TCU. Texas A&M is improved this season, but still a few notched below the SWC's big boys.

Things are heating up around the nation's college hardcourts and although TCU is slumping, the SWC should be encouraged that three teams have a legitimate shot for some March Madness.

Finally, here are some early predictions for the top four seeds come March 8: East-North Carolina, Southeast-Kentucky, Midwest-Indiana and West-Arizona. All four teams are veteran clubs playing great basketball as February comes to a close.

Get those straightjackets ready...the Madness is just around the corner.

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