## TCU Daily Skiff

'Love beads' send message of health, safety for revelers on spring break
 and
R.O.A.D. Workers hope the message of McGinley said she saw some drunk people people out at night.
"Girls should be especially careful and R.O.A.D. Workers hope the message of do some crazy things. One girl stripped in "Girls should be especially careful and
the beads will encourage people to be respon- front of a crowd of jeering guys. She has also travel in groups," he said. "Use your head."


Adrian Gonzalez, a freshman advertising/public relations major, an Meghax Downey, a freshman business major, offer love beads to Suzett


## Reporters wait as cult standoff enters fifth day

$\qquad$ a mile.
Since being pushed back two miles from the heavily-armed com-
pound by the FBI, the press has pound by the FBI, the press has spread out around the atea, seeking the
out newsworthy upates while
standoff evolves into a coverage mar wor worlds because you're fairly sure
you're not going to get anything you're not going to get anything and it s miserable," Houston
Chronicle photographer Steve
Campbell said. "This isn't fun." Campbell said. "This isn't fun.
Campbell left Houston at noon
Monday, arriving in the Waco area Monday, arriving in the Waco area
around 5 p.m. He planned on
remaining at the compound until remaining at the compound until
after dawn Tuesday morning. after dawn Tuesday morning.
"It's going to be a long night,"
Campbell said, warming himself on Campbell said, warming himself on
the fender of a Salvation Army TCU Daily Skiffl Jessica Mann into an open-air studio. Satellite A media crew shoots a 6 a.m. live report approximately two miles away from the Branch Davidian comp
Police barricaded the farm road leading to the complex, so media were left to wait along the shoulders
see Wait, page 4

Phonathon donations exceed financial goals

By CHRISTINA BODE | By CHRIITTNINA |
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| TCU Daily |

Kenneth Anderson, a TCU alumnus from Houston, had originally planned to pledge $\$ 25$ to the univer-
sity's national phonathon. But Tracy Lamb, a sophomore politicel sciecy maior, assurred him that an extra $S 10$ could make a big difference. Anderson's $\$ 35$ pledge put the
amountraised for the Annual Fund at

$\$ 500,000$ dollars, the most ever raised by the phonathon. raisefter over 60,000 phone numbers After over 60,000 phone numbers
were dialed, the phonathon has exceeded its goal for the second year in a row.
But there's still another month of calling until the program ends for the year, said Michele Amos, annual fund officer and director of the telemarketing program.
Amos said she was excited with the results so far.
"I'm just overwhelmed and surprised they (the student callers) were

Laid. Last year the phonathon goal was $\$ 400,000$ and th.
over $\$ 415,000$. The student-staffed telemarketing program was launched in the fall of 91 as another way to raise money for
the Annual Fund, which contributes the Annual Fund, which contributes
about $\$ 3$ million to the total budget of $\$ 103$ million necessary to run the university.
Amos said

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& \text { Amos said only } 57 \text { percent of the }
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total monies needed to run TCU come from tuition costs, the rest is raised by the interest on the univer-
sity's endowment funds and the gifts from the Annual Fund. Amos said the phonathon helps
build existing relationships with alumni and the university by keepin the alumni up-to-date with new developments as well as raisin
donations. The pho The phonathon program, which is
called Calling all Frogs, moved int the newly-renol rogs, moved into Hall last summer. Student callers work six hours a week for a salary.


## Rate debate

Faculty Senate discusses administrator evaluations

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TCU Daily Skif
The Faculty Senate discossed
adminingrate evaluations and results
 of the Univerity Self- Sudy at their
meceing Thursdat.
 evaluating administratars, propergam that began in 1991 as a pilot project
and is now up for re-evaluation. ${ }^{\text {and }}$ Larry Kitchens, director of the Center for Instructional Services, and Mary Anne Gorman, a nutrition professor and chairwoman of the University Evaluation Committee presented a histion process, which allows all faculty and administrators to evaluate their immediate superior using a form similar to those used by stu-
dents to evaluate their instructors. The senators were concerned with several aspects of the evaluation, including the form used, the general effectiveness of the evaluation pro-
cess and the fact that they could only cess and the fact that they could only
evaluate administrators immediately over them.
Kitchens, who is in charge of both the administrator and faculty evalua-
tions, and Gorman were concerned with the form because of the lack o written comments they received. "Most people turned in the forms
without making (written) without making (written) com-
ments," Gorman said. "Larry could basically count the comments on one hand.". Some senators said they doubted
She

66 1 y personal feeling is that we need to write up a standard operating procedure on how the administrator and student evaluations should be administered and used."

LARRY KITCHENS,
director of the Center for Instructional Services
student comments about the faculty
in the recently-released University
Self-Study revealed "widespread Self-Study revealed "widespread positive attitudes" toward faculty members. "Sudents past and present think we're just doing great," Franzwa said. However the students did have However, the students did have complaints in three principal areas
concerning the faculty: advising, use of student evaluations and "incompetent" individual faculty members. In response, Franzwa suggested to
the Senate that advisers attend train the Senate that advisers attene crai fo
ing workshops held in the Center fo Ing workstropps held ing Services.
"Students thought that advisers didn't know them and didn't care to he said. "They also thought tha advisers had been careless from time to time. I think that can be fixed."
He also suggested that students be He also suggested that students b better educated about how heir
ulty evaluations are used, and th department chairs learn how to dea with the problems or "incomp tence" of the teaching faculty. "Personnel management is no
known at birth," Franzwa said. "Peo known at birth, "Franzwa sa,
ple have to learn this stuff."


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Calvin and Hobbes
by Bill Watterson


Negotiating teams continue talks with cult leader

| By TERRILANGF |
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ing "almost constantly" with the
ing "almost constantly" with the
leader of an armed religious cult Thursday in discussions that include Although negotiators were "very Although negotiators were
positive" about the elationship built
with cult leader David Koresh, by


| $\begin{array}{l}\text { told to wait by God, said FBI Agent } \\ \text { Jeffrey Jamar. }\end{array}$ |
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| $\begin{array}{l}\text { compound during a helicopter } \\ \text { search. The body, an unidentified }\end{array}$ | Jeffrey Jamar. During the talks, "there's long dis-

cussions regarding religion, long readings of the scripture," Jama said. Koresh reneged on an earlier promise to surrender because he was
awaiting instruction from God awaiting instruction from God,
Jamar said Wednesday. Also Thursday, authorities in two
Bradley armored fighting vehicles earch. The body, an unidentified lab in Fort Worth.
Earlier Thursday, Jamar con-
firmed the release of two additional firmed the release of two additional children. Two boys, ages 11 and 12,
had been released Wednesday afterhad been released Wednesday afterA total of 20 children and two adults
have been released so far, he said. have been released so far, he said.
Another 18 children 47 women and recovered a body they had spotted Another 18 children, 47 women and
Wednesday about 350 yards from the 43 men remain in the compound.


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## Opinion

With friends like America, troubled Bosnia needs no more enemies

> In this time of troubles, plenty of people
have complained that President Clinton has not kept many of his campaign promises. He has, however, met his pledge of aid to the Bosnians. Unfortunately, this is one of those occasions in which there
distinct difference between doing something, and doing it right. Instead of helping
the eeleaguered Bosnians, President Clinthe beleaguered Bosnians, President Clinon has hurt them with American aid. At first, the decision to airliff food and
medical supplies to Bosnia seemed to be medical supplies to Bosnia seemed to be lem. There would be no need to make any sort of show of force unless American air-
craft were attacked first. American soldier wouldn't need to worry about shooting the wrong person in the midst of a confusing and life-threatening situation, as has recently been the case in Somalia.
lives of the American pilots. Sady, though, the same people who have been
pillaging Bosnia and Herzegovina and establishing cencentration and rape camps
across the region are also receiving enoug across the region are also receiving enough
food and medicine to finish the job. It's a good thing that none of the American pilots have died yet as a consequence o the airlift - nobody wants to die in vain. Meanwhile, the Bosnians who were
be the proud recipients of so much aid be the proud recipients of so much aid
have actually been immeasurably hurt. Yesterday, 1,100 tons of supplies were dropped just outside of the Bosnian
enclave of Cerska. Cerska is an area in eastern Bosnia that has changed hands twice in the past year. It has been under heary siege by the Serbs since last Decem-
ber, when the Bosnians were finally able ber, when the Bosnians were finally able
to force the Serbs out. to force the Serbs out.
It is estimated by the United Nations
that the Bosnians at Cerska have been
drastically short of food for a little less drastically short of food for a little less
than a year. Naturally, when the Bosnians saw a year. Naturally, when the Bosnia
sanna from heaven falling right before there eyes, they abandoned their defenses and tried to retrieve it. Tragically, the Serbs had been waiting
for just such a break. They overran Cersk for just such a mereak. hene overrant Cersk with a minimum amount of effort, and
drove approximately 20,000 Bosnians into dhe nearby mountains. Those were the . lucky ones. About a thousand others tried to stay behind and defend their homes.
Most of them are dead by now. With Most of them are dead by now. With
friends like us, the Bosnians certainly don't need enemies.
I remember reading an article in
Newsweek this past week concerning the Newsweek this past week concerning the
explosion at the World Trade Center last explosion at the World rrade Center last
Friday. Thus far, the FBI has had no suc-
cess in discovering who is responsible.

The author of this article, however, studied the ranks of potetntial American enemies
and presented a list of the most likely canand presented a list of the most likely can-
didates. He came up with six people who didn't like the United States for some past transgression and who would have gained from a terrorisi act.
One of the names on his list was One of the names on his list was
Vojislav Seselj. I know, I know - obviously a household name. Seselj is the head of the Serbian Radical Party of Belgrade. He also threatened retaliation for any
American aid to the Bosnians. By now American aid to the Bosnians. By now,
though, he's probably changed his mind. though, he's probably getting ready to
Instead, he's probate
give the United States a medal and a thank give the United States a medal and a thank
you letter. After all, ill-conceived Ameriyou letter. After all, ill-conceived Ameri-
can aid has certainly made his job easier.

Andy Hernandee is a senior history

Alcohol consumption does not justify unwanted sexual activity and rape Sexual assaults are the most prevalent violent crimes
committed on college campuses. At least one in four college women - and an increasing number of me,
have been victims of rape by someone they know.


BARBARA BROWN HERMAN Although the research thus far has focused on the scenario of
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ber that either gender can be ber that either gender can be
victimized, and that assult
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complexan contusing situa-
tion, especially when alcohol tion, especially hen alcohol
consumption is involved. taught us that the is suses are
not as clear cut as we mie ends up "losing" no matter what the judicial or lege outcome of a a ass
Rather than loking for victims, we need to seek solutions. Leet's start with emphasizing the victimizatio of both males and females when substance abuse
occurs. Beyond that, we must renew efforts to enforce occurs. Beyond that, we mustrenewe efrorsto
civility and respect toward others - but more imporcivility and respect toward otheres - bur more impor-
tantly, reverence and responsibility for oneself - at all
times.
In the great majority of acquaintance rapes involving college students, one or both participants were intoxi-
cated at the time. The legal deffinition of rapelsexual catec alt in most states includes provisions for instances in which the victim is unable to give consent because of diminished mental uparty and to intoxication.
In a recent survey here at TCU, 14 percent of females In a recent survey here aterented that they had been
and 15 percen of male ren
taken advantage of sexually due to their drinking or taken advantage of sexually due to their drinking or drug suse during the past year.
Another question which dealt with "doing something hey later regretted" had 32 percent of females and 43 they later regreted had 3 percent of remes
percent of males responing g firmatively Many
tereeted incidents involvining sex - not tape, but percent or males responding and maivel. Many
regreted incient involing sex not rape, but
unplanned (and often unporoceted) sex. unplanned (and often unprotected) sex.
And unplanned sex can be unhealthy ... not only in And unplanned sex can be unhealexy,...
terms of the tron a personal and social perspective. It think most of us personal and social perspen serious step, one that should be
would agre that sex in taken with thought and care, and do express a relation-
ship. It is difficult, if not timpossible, to do something ship. It is difficult, if not impossible, to do something
thoughtfully and carefully, with intimacy and sensitivi ty, if one is under the influence of alcohol. . Antonia Of the various explanations suggested by Dr. Antonia Abbey for the relationship between acquaintance rape
and alcohol, three focus on consumption by the male and alcohol, three focus on consumption by the male
perpetrator: (1) expectancies about the effects of alcoperpetrator: (1) expectancies abourt 'the extect it ontan and
hol; (2) misperceptions of women's sexual intent; and (3) the use of alcohol to justify behavior

Four explanations center around the impact of alcohol consumption on the female victim: (1) poor sending
and receiving of sexual cues: (2) dimimished ability to
 ing women and (4) increased perceptions of responsibility for the incident.
Diana scully, another researcher, cites several studies in which men were given either vodka or tonic water,
with half being told they had vodka and the other half tonic water, regardess of what they had actually consumed. In one report, increased aggression was found to be
related to the perception of having consumed alcohol - not the fact of having consumed it.

In another study, all of the men were exposed to erot ic films. Again, sexual arousal was related to the per-
ception, and not the actuality of alcohol consumption. ception, and not the actuality of alcoho consomps
This suggests that our behavior where alcohol is concerned may be due as much (if not more) to learning and expectations as to physiological responses. One conclusion we may draw, then, is tiale actions. As spring break nears, let's all look at our own beliefs and behaviors, and do what we can to keep ou selves and others safe, healthy, and without regrets.
Barbara Brown Herman is the coordinator of
Alcohol and Drug Education program at TCU.


LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Religions

It is with some regret that I take Carl
 non-multiculuralists, Western-centiri pis,
for his, refusal to believe any of those
 My sorrow stems from TCU's evident fal
ure to teach him the heart of liberal arts inquiry - critical, yet empathetic, analysis
He demonstrates our failure by his glib disHe demonstrates
missal of the ultimate commitments of millions of human beings over thousands of
years, including some currently in our TCU Mr. Kozlowski, the overwhelming majority of people are committed to the faith they were
brought up in and most critical of those they brought up in and most critcal of mose they now the least tabut. Iinvite Mr. Kozlowski to continue his ecu-
cation, so we can remedy our lack of sucesss cainon so we cantemed tor respect and under-
so far in allowing him stand other peoples on their own terms. Andrew O. Fort Associale
Religion

## Economics

 attacks on the wealthy in the capitaist sys-
tem. Once again , Jeer isted numbers without tem. Once again, Jeter listed numbers without
looking at what the numbers actually mean in looking a w wat the numbers actualy mean in
comparison to the overall income by the individuals.
The actual percentage of their income that
goes to taxes is around one-fourth for the goes to taxes is around one-fourh for the
wealthy while for lower economic classes wealthy whil ero lower economic classes,
one-third or one-hal of of heir overal income goes to the government. Jeter also stated dhat you cannot tax pros-
perity and expect trowth. However this ideperity and expect growth. However, thisi ideology has been followed for overa a decade
under Reagan's and Bush's sadministrations and growth did not occur as prophesied. Only the wealthy govicticer. The proffts made by welp of tax breaks from the govermment also help of tax breaks foom the govermenter
did not result in more jobs for America. Jeter furrter claims that liberals wanting to increase the breadth and influence of govern.
ment will result in economic growth being ment w
stunted
stunted. Ned remind Jeter that deregulation of the savings and loan industry lead to one of the biggest monetary losses this country has encountered, an estimaeded
tab which the American public will have to pick up?
Isay its sime to try something new since
and evidently supply-side
worked for America.
Jeter also claims that liberals want the public to believe that the prosperity gained by the wealthy was done by slight-of-hand. Well, yes, liberals want the public to know
the truth. All one has to do is research how

## the wealthy acquired more prosperity in the past years and one will encounter many

 instances of political corruption and e lite deviance atits foundation.Jeter ends with the old $R$ Jeter ends with the old Reaganomic rub-
bish that we have hard oryears. Is syive
up! It thas not worked. Let us se if Clinton's plan will get more results.

## Linda DuQue

Junior
Criminal Justice, Psychology
Safe Break Week
As March arrives, thoughts of spring break As March arives, thoughs of spident
begin to dominat the minds of sudst
everywhere. Unfortunately, these thoughts every where. Unfortuanaely, these thoughts scene. Each year. R.O.A.D.D. (Responsibility
of Alcohol and Drug) Workers sponsors a week of activities promoting responsible decision-making over spring break.
Aptly named, Safe Preak;
g3 is offeri
 wide variety of activities including a poster
contest two oomediass a weenend retrat
sponosored by SRO, and an awareness activi-
 All of these events are geared dowards
intelligentescision-mkening and encorage
students to oceoome aware of potentially diffistudentit to beco
cult situations. Recently, theme weeks have come under
criticicsm by some TCU students. These sul criticism by sothe yre over-programmed and dents feel that they are over-prorgammer
happen to fo freuuntly. I understand these concerms, but Ialso think that Safe Break and other amaxeress weeks are presenting valid
and important information and activities and important information and activities.
R.O.A.D. Workers' awareness weeks have many general goals. Some of these include:
raising campus awareness of health issues; raising campus anaweness of health issues;
positivel y positively influencing campus attitudes and
behavior segarding alcohol, other drugs, and behaviors regarding alcohol, other frugs, and
sexual health; providing alcohol-free social sexuar healut, providing alconi-1res social
activites creating a campus-wide focus on
 effort to inprove the health of TCU campus and, most imporantly,
I encourage students, faculty members and staff to poraricicipate in all of the Safe Break ${ }^{\prime} 93$ activities. Finally, remember this year
theme: "Laugh Loud... Live Long."

Erin Davis
Erin Davis
Safe Break

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## Branch Davidians call into question views of 'the end'

## Ifeel safe in assuming you've heard about the mad cuis's almost Waco. With the amount of news coverage it's getting, it's The fact like the Jessica McClure in the well thing, only with guns. like the Jessica McClure in the well thing, only yith, iuns. The facts lof the whole fiasco are now, and will probably remain, very fuzzy. Everyone who has something to say about it seems to bepulling out factual support from conflicting news items, making for a <br>  <br> P. D. MAGNUS exercise the best judgement in running its report on the cult when it did? Was KRLD KRte radio justified in arreeing to broadcast the cult's messages? Could the deaths of the o many people to Koresh in  considered regardless of the facts of the case. What role should the press play in law enforcement? How should law enforcement offi-

 Cerr approachi a s stuation that is known to be dangerous? Whenshould other weapons such as tear gas grenades and even armored should other weapons, such as tear gas grenades and even ammored
personnel carriers be called in? Is greate gun control ustifie? Why
are alcohol, tobaccoo, and firearms parto of one agency y anyway? are alcohol, tobacco, and firearms part of one agency anyway?
While all of these questions are important to consider, 1 tseems everyonen has an opinion on them. By the time it's all a ared out on
this opinion page, we may look back on the insufferable discussion tis opinon page, we maylooknd regard.
on gays in the imiliary
The far mores significant questions are of a religious nature. It The far more significant questions are of a religious nature, It
would be far too eass to take one look a the he Branch Davidians, dismiss them as lunatics, and, once David Koresh is blown off the face
of the Earth, go on as if nothing has happened. I will freely admit
 are far afield from what anyone shor or harles Mass would
deem to give credit. seem to give credir.
seung that this count's primary moral foundation continues to
be dude-Christian, however, I think the cult has a point, even if they don't know it. Koresh is credited as saying he is Christ, but many of those foolish enough to believe him got ripped apart by gunfire. But
Christian teachings still point to the Judgement Day, If Christ were come, how many good Christians would recognize nim sol "Would Josesu Weera Rolex on His Television Show?" but largely as
an indictment of church corruption. My point is not to demean relian indictment of church corruption. My point is not to demean reli
gious belief, but to ask a serious question. Christians pay ay teast lip

 shocked a a anyner entirs. but mainstream Judaism, including powerful
Messiah loaders in Iral., wickly distance themselves from anyone
chrub church leaders in ilsral, quickly distance themselves from aysenc
who says to expect him or, worse eye, laims they ve found him. It would be easier if Christ had leff behind a secret handshake or if
DFW Airoot listed him on the monitor for arrivals. The signs that are referred to are unfortunately open to such allegogical interpretaion that anything at all might be a signal of impending arrival, mak-
ing them as bad as as signs at all. I suppose it might be more dising them as bad as nos signs at all. I suppose it might be more dis-
 on account of weather," or, God


P.D. Magnus is a freshman pre-major from Burleson, Texas.

## News



## NYC bombing suspect found

NEW YORK (AP) - A man
the blast site.
Investigators turned up charred described as a follower of a radical
Muslim cleric was arrested Thursday $\begin{gathered}\text { Investigators turned up charred } \\ \text { pieces of the rental van around the }\end{gathered}$ Muslim cleric was arrested Thursday
in last week's World Trade Center in last weee's world trade centim that the van might have held the rental deposit on a van wrecked in the blast.
Papers the suspect gave to the rental agency were covered with
nitrates, a government source, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press. Nitrates are found in some explosives, traces of nitrates were found at the blast site.
Friday's blast in a garage beneath the twin towers killed five people, injured more than 1,000 and left one missing. The 110 -story towers aren' expected to reopen for a month.
WNBC-TV in New York identified the suspect as 26 -year-old Salama Mohammed of Jersey City,
The arrest came after an army of The arrest came after an army of
investigators spent the past week investigators spent the past week
combing through piles of rubble at

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## News

## Latin American group gives concert

By ROBIN SHIRLE TCU Daily Skiff
an atmosphere of friendship between will perform a Latin American con- the world," he said. cert at 3 p.m. Sunday in Ed Landreth Auditorium. The five-member group is directed by former TCU graduate Ruben Torres. The name of the group is a Span- decided to invite other musicians to ish word meaning friendship, Torres help me play it," he said. "Latin said. American composers don't get much of an opportunity to have their works
performers." Latin American music is usually more upbeat than most said. said. "The rhythm is musically compli-
cated and there is more variety in cated and there is more variety in the melody lines," he said. The concerts work to open other's eyes to Latin American music, Tor- comp "We individualize music from The cone. nations.
The conce each country in South America using
native rhythms and melocies," Tor-
res said Each piece will have an res said. Each piece will have an
identifiable rhythm from different ountries in South America. The concert will open with four ngs composed by U.S. composer William Grant Still and then the roup will continue with works by


## T.C.U. Greek Week 1993

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Greek Week Awards Banquet
Student Center Ballroom
Greek Week stresses unity, positive aspects

By CAMIE MELTON
Greek Week begins this weekend and will highlight brother-
hood and sisterhood in the Greek organizations on campus.
"This will be a time for "This will be a time for
(Greeks) to come forward and (Greeks) to come forward and
show that our brotherhood and show that our brotherhood and
sisterhood is something to be sisternood is something to be
proud of," said Suzy Straight,
Greek Week committee publicity Greek Week committee publicity
co-chair. co-chair.
Order of Omega, the national Order of Omega, the national
Greek honor society, is sponsoring the annual event. Greek Week is definitely
needed on this campus, said Chris needed on this campus, said Chri
Hightower, the other Greek Week committee publicity co-chair. "Independents need to see that
we do more than party on weekwe do more than party on week-
ends," he said. " would like them ends," he said. "I would ike them
to realize that there's more to the Greeks than that. This will be a chance to show all the positive
aspects of the Greek system," he aspect
said. Bumps and Burgers will kick
said. off Greek Week this Saturday. The sand volleyball tournamen
will start at 10 a.m. A picnic will will start at 10 a am. A picnic wil
be held during the tournament. The Students Reaching Out
Retreat this Saturday and Sunday Retreat this Saturday and Sunday
is also part of Greek Week this year and will be held at the Greene
Family Camp. The retreat is open Family Camp. The retreat is open
to the campus. Students can sign up for the $\$ 25$ retreat until 3 p.m.
today.
today. SRO retreat is also a Safe
The The SRO retreat is also a Sare
Break event. Because Greek
Week and Safe Break are during Break event. Because dreek
Week and Safe break are during
the same week they will be cothe same week they will
programming some events programming some events.
of the Safe Break events to avoid
over-ppor over-programming," Straight
said. "There would just be too said. "There would just be too
much going on. We didn't want participation to be low."
Greek alumni will come to Greek alumni will come to
share their experiences and tell students how being Greek has
helped them on Monday night, helped them on Monday night,
Straight said. The Greek Week Straight said. The Greek Week
Alumni Program will be held in Alumni Program will be held in
Student Center Room 207-208 at
8 p.m. 8 p.m. Greek Faculty Recention A Greek Faculty Reception
will be held to honor certain prowill be held to honor certain pro-
fessors. In previous years one professor was chosen to be honored at this event, but this year the
honor will be the invitation, honor will be the invitation,
Straight said. It will be in the FacStraight said. It will be in the Fac-
ulty Center on Tuesday at $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. In conjunction with Safe Break, the Laugh Shack Comedy Club
will be heldat $9: 30$ p.m. Tuesday will be heldat $9: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Tuesday.
in the Student Center Ballroom. Admission is one canned good and free non-alcoholic "mocktails" will be served.
The Greek Week Banquet will The Greek Week Banquet will
wrap up the week in the Student wrap up the week in the Student $\begin{aligned} & \text { Center B } \\ & \text { night. } \\ & \text { "The }\end{aligned}$
and
"The award is based on programming, scholarship, service,
member participation and many member participation and many
other things," she said. "It will be a very prestigious award to receive." The award emphasizes the pos itive aspects of fraternities an sororities.
"I think Greeks get a bad reputation on this campus that jus isn't true," Straight said. " 1 encourage everyone to attend an event and see what all the B.S. is

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## Sports

Athlete of the Week Adam Robson

bases, fourth in homeruns, fifth in bases, fourth in homeruns, fifth in
runs scored, and sixth in batting averruns scored, and six
age and doubles.
Baseball is a game of balls and slumps all mixed in with a bit of luck. So in this sport if Lady Luck haptime allowing for a few more hits yourself in a streak or a "groove" in baseball terminology.
Now if you are a little confused of what it means to be in a "groove" just
ask TCU DH/first baseman Adam Robson. ince the Frogs season began. in the second game of the double header against Abilene Christian les including five RBIs, and scored Robson did not stop there though,
because he then went on to hit safely in 11 consecutive games.
That streak finally came to an end, but Robson's hiiting assault on TCU Robson has continued to play great ball capped off by a first inning
three-run homerun against St. Francis in the Frogs 9-0 win on Tuesday.
Presently Robson leads the team with a 412 batting average and in hat as a team is hitting a a club nal .337 and averaging over 10 runs The ability to go deep has also
been shown by Robson with four of been shown by Robson with four of
his team high 28 hits leaving the Robson currently leads TCU in six
offensive categories, but even more impressive is how he stands overal
in the Southwest Conference. Arguably the best basebail confer
ence in the country with five team
"So far I am very pleased with my performance," said a modest Robson. "I am just seeing the ball real good and I have been getting my
pitchs. When it rains it pours." pitchs. When it rains it pours."
Lately it has not just been pouring Lately it has not just been pouring
for Robson, but for the whole TCU for Robson, but or into the Collegiate Magazine Top 25 this week for the
first time since the mid-eighties. first time since the mid-eighties.
Robson said he is not surprised at Robson said he is not surprised at although everyone else in the base-
ball world seems to be in shock ball world seems to be in shock.
"We have been playing great ball "We have been playing great ball
since the start with a combination of since the start with a combination of
solid hitting and pitching," Robson said. "We were just not tetting any
publicity, but now we are starting to publicity, but now we are starting to
get some publicity since breaking get some publicity since breaking
into the Top 25 ." Just as unsurprised with the teams start is Robson with his own start this
season. season. It I have been a surprise to just about everyone becasue of my
poor play in the fall league," Robson said "Personally I have not surprised myself though. I know I can hit like
this and can do it consistently," this and can do it consistently."
Robson isn't sure what it will take to stay in the "groove" he's in. "I really don't know. I guess just
keep getting my pitches and remain keep getting my pitches and remain
patient and I'll do good," he said. If Robson can continue to do
"good" that most likely will mean the Frogs will be doing "good" as well.
With conference play looming only two weeks away it is very important for TCU to keep in their
winning ways. The Frogs must
remain successful in non-conference remain successful in non-conference
play in order to enter conference play play in order to enter conference play
on a high and confident level.
"I think we will continue to dominate non-conference opponemts,"
Robson said. "I also expect us to have


By WILLIAM HATFIELD
TCU Daily Skiff
The TCU men's basketball team closes a long and disappointing sea-
son this Saturday when they travel to Hofheinz Pavilion to take on the Houston Cougars.
The Frogs are in the middle of a seven game losing streak that dates
back to the last meeting between the beack in Fort Worth February 6 .
TCU won that first meeting on a TCU won that first meeting on a
last second shot by Eric Dailey, 68 last second shot by Eric Dailey, 68-
6. However, TCU has failed to
俍 66. However, Tlum nisce then and
reach the win col
Houston has won seven of its last Houston has won seven of eight.
The Frogs are 2-11 in the Southwest Conference and 5-20 overall
following Wednesday's loss at fexas, 102-84. The Cougars will be trying to rebound from a tough over-
time loss to league co-leader Rice time loss to leagu
last night, $89-78$.
Houston coach Pat Foster says the Cougars, who stand 18 -7 overall and
8 -5 in the league, ned to bounce 8 - 5 in the league, need to bounce
back from last night's loss and focus on a tough Frog squad.

TCU concludes
season at home

## By RICK WATERS TCU Daily SKiff



## Frogs travel to UH for finale

$\begin{array}{ll}\text { IIt In probably be a tough game } & \text { squad. Senior forward Allen Tolley } \\ \text { nd you always worry about the next } \\ \text { scored only seven points against }\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll}\text { and you always worry about the next } & \text { scored only seven points against } \\ \text { game you play after a tough loss like } & \text { Texas and was laid out by a blindside }\end{array}$ |
| :--- | :--- | last night," Foster said. "But we have pick. He has been hobbled lately and

been playing real good right now and
has still managed to score 12 points a had won seven in a row until last game over that span. "Physically I'm real worn down," "Physically I'm real worn down, "Physically Pm real worn down,
see Men, page 8

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Then share these facts with six of yourf friends. And maybe none of them will become another statistic.

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March Madness looming for SWC Greg Riddle and Ty Benz write the such schools as Cincinnati and CalPrognisticator.
Anybody know what time of the $\quad$ Surly must have transferred" Ib has year it is? March Madness is just about as much trouble keeping playaround the corner and the race for the ers around for a whole season as 64 invitations to the big dance is George "The Boss" Steinbrenner
heating up. The SWC (So What Conference) is lucky that every conference is Have the match made in heaven to guaranteed a spot in the tournament. present to athletic director Frank respect as Rodney Dangerfield. Only TCU basketball and Jerry Parkarespect as Rodney difference is that Dangerfield attu- Mark the Shark is unemployed. dillerencerves some respect. Only UH TCU needs a basketball coach that has beaten anyone of national signif- will let the guys run the type of chance. SMU hasn't beaten a team in offense that will put fans in the stands
he Top 50, while Rice has been and some wins on the scoreboard. boiled by patsies like Delaware and Just picture it. Tark the Shark, biting Fordham.
TTU? Believe it or not there will on a purple and white towel, while
the Frogs shoot three-pointers and TCU? Believe it or not, there will
be some Frogs playing in the NCAA
fast break shoot three-pointers and be some Frogs playing in the NCAA
Tournament. Too bad it will be for break all night long.
dreaming, you know we will.


## Lady netters beat Baylor



University Park Village, Fort Worth How intense was Wednesday's women's tennis match between TCU and Baylor?
Senior Leigh Ann Smith, who won her singles match, summed it up. "I think we have developed a new
rivalry," Smith said after leading the rivalry," Smith said after leading the
Lady Frogs to an emotional $6-3$
Southwest Conference victory over Southwest Conference victory over
the visiting Lady Bears at the Mary the visiting Lady Bears at the Mary
Potishman Lard Tennis Center. "II's never been like that with Bay-
Cor," she said.
Smith Ellie Stark and Lisa Beard Tor," she said. Stark and Lisa Beard
Smith, Ellie
won their singles marches as the won their singles marches as the
Lady Frogs split the singles before Lady Frogs split the singles before
sweeping the three doubles matches. sweeping the three doubles matches,
The win raise the Lady Frogs
record to 2-0 in the SWC, and 3-2 overall.
Beard, who won her singles match Beard, who won her singles match
$7-6(11-9), 5-7,6-3$, sensed the hos -ility as well.

"There was definitely lots of tension," "Beard said. "We just wanted to beat each other" marathon match, $3-6,6-4,6-2$. | $\begin{array}{l}\text { During the break between singles } \\ \text { and doubles, things heated up. }\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{l}\text { in a SWC duel at high noon Saturday } \\ \text { at the tennis center. Things could }\end{array}$ |
| :--- | :--- | The match was intense and the heat up, and that's not a weather fore-

things that were sid will things that were said will not be ca
Lady swimmers finish 4th at SWC Championship

## By KRISTIN KOR

TCU Daily Skiff
TCU women's swimming and diving team turned up the heat and finished fourth at the Southwest
Conference Swimming and Diving Conference Swimming and Diving Austin.
The Lady Frogs improved last year's fifth place finish and also had swimmers qualify for National Col-
legate Athletic Association standtings. "We were very excited to move up a notch in the SWC standings," said
TCU head swim coach Richard Sybesma. "The meet was an outstanding team effort." Powerhouses Texas and SMU,
swept first and second place with swept first and second place with
final scores of 967 points(Texas) and 834 points(SMU). Texas A\&M grabbed third place with 539 points while TCU beat out Rice for fourth place with 380 points to Rice's 350
points. points.
"We started off well and kept it going," said junior TCU swimmer
Sara Widmeyer. "It was a big plus
because our previous upset to Rice
left a bad taste in left a bad taste in our mouths. We
pulled together and redeemed ourselves." Not only did the team meet their
goal by finishing fourth, said freshgoal by finishing fourth, said fresh-
man TCU swimmer Jamie Boo, but there were individual goals accomWidmeyer qualified for the NCAA standings in the for the freestyle with a time of 23.89 . Andrea Fisher, who swam for Texas,
cook firs time of 23.35 .
"I "I am ecstatic," Widmeyer said. My goal was to place in the top eight Divers Kelly Cowell, Rachel Hayworth, Leah Springstead, and Deanna Alley were all big point pro-
ducers for the team, Sybesma said. ducers for the team, Sybesma said.
"The SWC meet this year was a good step for us," said
diver Leah Springstead.
Fourth place is a big accomplish Fourth place is a big accomplish-
ment for us because conference i hard for TCU when competing wit the larger population po
schools, Springstead said.

Classes help university employees learn English
By BETH AINE BOLLINGER
TCU Daily Skiff
A freshman TCU student stands in
front of three older women and asks
them to repeat the alphabet. The
women pick up their recitation at the
letter D.
They continue, "E-F-G," their eth-
nic pronunciations making the letters
barely recognizable.
These women are the newest stu-
dents in TCU's Adult Basic Educa-
tion and English as a Second
Language Classes. The classes are
offered to uniersity employees and
their families for free through the
Department of Human Resources.
Approximately 30 university
employees spend Tuesday and
Thursday afternoons from 3 to 5 p.m.
learning English, mathematics and
writing skills.
The ABE and ESL classes are
taught by five volunteers who have
sime background in Spanish but no
formal training in teaching.
Joan Carter, Fort Worth ISD
teacher and program volunteer, said
that TCU has ideal ABE and ESL
programs.
The employees are given free
time to attend classes and the stu-
dents are all here on campus. Stu-
dents come back to class more
consistently than in the independent
school system," Carter said.

## Senior woman to compete in '93 Miss Texas pageant




## Women/ from pege 6



Amy Cox
 been a teacher at cheerleading camps
across the state and felt she could across the state and felt she could
really make a difference in these really make a difference in these
teens' lives.
"Being Miss Fort Worth is a
toltiny different experience," she Being
totally different experience," she
said. "I go to luncheons with the said. "I go to luncheons with the
mayor and city officials. It's exciting." Cox was a TCU cheerleader for three years. She is an alumni of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority and is currently a
Horned Frog Associate.


Chandra Wisniewski, a freshman business pre-major, helps students in the English as a Second Language class learn how to correctly pronounce the alphabet.
the program one hour a week. speaks English. students tell me that these are the Carter said the students need and "These people just want to talk and only four hours a week that they are
want an opportunity to sit down and converse. There are too many for us
exposed to English," Carter said. $\begin{array}{lll}\begin{array}{l}\text { want an opportunity to sit down and } \\ \text { talk one on one with someone who }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { converse. There are too many for us } \\ \text { to just sit and talk. I have had some }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { exposed to English," Carter said. } \\ \text { Anyone interested in volunteering }\end{array}\end{array}$
 focused, but my body is real beat up
right now." Junior Eric Dailey has been red-
hot as of late. He poured in a career high 31 points against the Longhorns and gabbed 16 rebounds. Over the
last wo games. Dailey has scored
 Daile will have to be a big factor
On the
 Cougar center Chares Outaw is
averaging 16 poins 5 a game and isa monster on the bards, hauling in
 ing ata 18.6 points a game.
Defense won the game for the
Toust trist meeing beween te Frogs the first mecting between hie
two teams and Foster said hatit will avo teams and onters
be the key Saurray.
"TCU does a good job defen-
sively" Foserer said "The also shot sively", Foster said. "The also shot
the oball well frist game and we didint: the bail well firs game and we diant
They ve had an up upand down season. They ve had an up and down sasan.
If they control the defense of the game, it ould be tough. It will be the las reguar season
game for Froe senios Tolley and game for Frog seniors Tolley and
Bren Atwater Tolley said he will have mixed emotions walking of the Hofneinz floor.
ley said. "IIt been a long seasoson and ley said. It been a long season
r m ready for $i$ it o end, but 1 wa end my career wihh a win.



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## Fort Worth bar tour provides plenty of action

By ROB EILERMANN
TCU Daily Skiff
Sure, there's plenty y f problems
in the world
about oopary in theut politics, religion, ethics and
gays in the military. Let's get down to the important subject on students minds: he so anter adieu, ngigntire you So withour uurther adicu,
my review of the local hot spots, featuring ratings ona o one to fotor star scale.
Let's begin our journey with that
venerable old workhorse: The Pub. An average weekend sees about
10,000 students in this bar which 10,000 students in this bar, which is an area no larger than the average
dorm room. And the jukebox selec-
tions are songs you haven't heard dorm room. And the jukebox selec
tions are songs you haven' heard
anywhere else in the last 15 years. anywhere else in the last 15 years.
A special moment each night occurs A special moment each night occurs
when some jerk plays Meattoafs
"Paradise by the Dashboard Light" 50 times in a row.
The Pub employees are also the
best around in best around, in my opinion. At any
rate, the Pub is always an entertainrate, the Pub is always an entertain-
ing place to visit and a favorite
among students. But if you want to among students. But if you want to
play pool or sit down, The Pub is play pool or sit down, The Pub is
not for you. Three words: DOLLAR not for you. Three words: Dour
stars.
Next we cross the Tom Thumb
parking lot and head down the stairs parking lot and head down the stairs
of the High Hat Lounge. At first of the High Hat Lounge. At rist
glimpse, the place looks like a bar
俍 amous Bunch. In case of a nuclea war, head directly to The High Hat -a 2000-megaton bomb strike as deep as this place.
The bar is limited in its selection
of beer, but it is always cold and The bar is imited ans cold and
of beer, but it is aluas.
served in glass mug. The problem served in glass mugs. The problem
is you have to get through Butch
and Jethro to reach the bartender.

except for a lot of old men who
kind of remind me of Norm and Cliff of rrom "Cheers." Come to think
of it, they probably are of it, they probably are. This is a
great place to watch sports with the great place to watch sports with the
boys, but leave the ladies at home as they probably won't find any fun with it anyway. I give it three stars if you're with the guys, two if
you're with ladies. you're with ladies.
Finally, 'Ill leave you with one more good spot, no matter who you
are and what your tastes are like: the Bronco Sports Bar on Hulen. The only reason people go are the 25 -cent beers on Thursday nights,
but that also presents the bar's main problem.
Two hundred people are likely to crowd the place on Thursdays, leav-
ing you with a grand total of about ing you with a grand total of about
three beers on any yiven night since the lines are so long. The clientele
is "different" as the employees and patrons of Fitmess Conncectios in the
djoining complex fill up the parkadjoining complex fill up the park
ing lot with Camaros and other ing lot with Camaros and
assorted muscle cars. A band cranks out the tunes and plenty of TVs are available, but ins,
you get bored watching the shows,
there's always the pathetic sight, in there's always the pathetic sight, in
my opinion, of 25 -year-old guys hitting on TCU girls. I give it three Well, that is my review of the
"Big Six." There are many other places to go, like Cowtown or Magnolia's, but they are seasonal joints.
One week they are fun and the next One week they are fun and the next
they are pathetic. My advice to you they are pathetic. My advice to you
is to get out there and have a good
time Do your school work, but don't neglect the social scene. Col-
lege is more fun than books, it is an

## No Cure for Cancer

Hot comic Denis Leary's show didn't live up to hype By CARL KOZLOWSK
TCU Daily Skiff Everyone seems to know him as the MTV guy. Or the Nike guy. The
man with "two words for ya." The man with tho words for ya. The can't stop thinking about Cindy Crawford and loves to warn her
husband, Richard Gere, "I think yo husband, Richard Gere, "I think
hear me knockin". And I think hear me knockin But most people don't know
Denis Leary hy his real name or
by what he really does for a livby what he really does for a l
ing. Leary is far more than a ing. Leary is far more than a
commercial spokesman or yo average stand-up comic: he's
drawing both the biggest critical drawing both the biggest crit
and public attention of any and public attention of any
comedian since the '60s comed heyday of George Carlin and Richard Pryor.
But does he deserve it? That'
a mixed answer, judging from a mixed answer, judging from
his performance before a crowd his performance before a crowd
of 700 at Deep Ellum's Bomb Factory Monday night. While h is drawing acclaim and big sales
for the CD and book of his powfor the CD and book of his pow
erful one-man show, "No Cure for Cancer," his Dallas performance barely touched on "Cancer"'s wide range of life issues.
Instead, the Bomb Factory aud ence was presented with his
machine-gun-speed takes on drugs,
alcohol and the old comedic stand-alcohol and the old comedic stand-
by of fart jokes. Any comic could by of fart jokes. Any comic could
deal with that material, although Leary perhaps did it better than most. The problem is, Leary's book CD and accompanying Showtime cable special prove
Leary burst onto the entertainment scene with his distinctive style in July 1990, at the Edinburgh Inte national Arts Festival in Scotland. tion, Leary - then a struggling comic and actor-had merely tra eled to England with his pregnant
wife for some minor film and TV work when she went into premature
labor.
Trapped in a foreign land with no work options available to him as his
wife and child were hospitalized for five months, Leary set about the

| $\begin{array}{l}\text { task of writing out his observations } \\ \text { from } 32 \text { years of living. A fellow }\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{l}\text { FM). But while he managed to } \\ \text { make his fans double over and cry }\end{array}$ |
| :--- | :--- | rom edian helped him enter the $\begin{aligned} & \text { make his fans double over and cry } \\ & \text { tars of laughter at times, it was }\end{aligned}$ Edinburgh festival, which over the pretty much downhill from there.

years had launched the careers of Leary scored early as he dug
superstars like John Cleese.
Dallas by mentioning his secret superstars like John Cleese.
Edinburgh launched Leary as well when he won the Critic's
Award for the best show of the Award for the best show of the fes-
 desire to fire a BB gun from the infamous grassy knoll on his next trip to the area, just to observe
tourists' reactions. Continuing on his Kennedy kick - one of his favorite topics - Leary said
JFK would still be alive if his JFK would still be alive if his
brother Ted had been the parade brother Ted had been the parade
driver. Ted Kennedy has had driver. Ted Kennedy has had
problems with alcohol in the
past. past.
Once finished with Dallas Leary started to drift. He looked bleary and gaunt, if not down-
right ill, as he told the audience right ill, a sot ond tha audience mixture of NyQuil and Sudafed prior to hitting the stage. Consi
ering his heavy usage of drug ering his heavy usage of crug
humor (although he was very strongly against drug use), one had to wonder if those were the only substances in his system.
Leary veered off on tangents Leary veered off on tangent
throughout the evening, occasionally pausing to ask himself and the audience how he got on
a particular subject. The effect a particular subject. The effect
was at times disquieting was at times disquieting,
although the vast majority of the although the vast majority of the
crowd - a blue-collar bunch that cheered wildly at any reference to drugs or alcohol - didn't seem discriminating or knowledgable
enough to care what he was om

## Overall, Leary still boasted an

 undeniable star quality - one that would allow him to approach andeven step over the line of taste and still have the audience coming back for more. Hopefully, he'll mature enough with his upcoming one-man show "Birth, School, Work, Death"
to continue deserving the attention he's getting. Buy the book; it's brilliant. See the cable special. But next time he comes to town, cross your fingers. You may be somẹwhat dis-
Give him a B- for the Dallas show. But for the rest of his "Ca
cer" output, score Leary an A.

Take a walk on the wild side
In "Falling Down," Michael Douglas offers his best acting yet


Gang members help push Michael Douglas over the edge in "Falling Down."

## By CARL KOZLOWSKI TCU Daily Skiff

Crime. Pollution. A stagnant economy. In a big city, all of these
factors could combine to make grown man go insane. And in the wildly ambitious new movie "Falling Down," they do.
Michael Douglas returns to the Michael Douglas returns to the
screen in yet another of his morally tormented roles, as a laid-off
defense industry defense industry engineer known
only by his vanity license plate, only by his vanity license plate,
"D-Fens." The film takes place over the course of one day in the city of Los Angeles as D-Fens gets
fed up with a traffic jam, abandons fed up with a traffic jam, abandons
his car on the freeway and heads his car on the freeway and he
out across the city on foot. out across the city on foot for his
His goal: to get home fion
denghter's birthday. His problem: daughter's birthday. His problem:
aside from losing his job, he has aside from losing his job, he has
also lost his wife and child in a also lost his wife and child in a
messy divorce. All of these factors and much more are revealed grad-
aally over the course of the film as ually over the course of the film, as
the police try to trace both his the police try to trace
whereabouts and identity. Along the way, D-Fens does batAlong the way, D-Fens does bat-
tle with virtually anyone who gets in his way - a Korean store owner, Hispanic gang members
and so on. His list of perceived eneand so on. His list of perceived ene-
mies includes rich white folks (to mies includes rich white foiks (to
be politically correct), but "Falling
Down" clearly is trying to tap into
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { the paranoid mindset of the mid- } & \text { the film's political incorrectness, } \\ \text { dle-class white American males } & \text { Douglas will have another Oscar }\end{array}$ dle-class white American males
who feel they are an endangered who feel they are an endangered
species. And it doesn't necessarily species. And it doesn t necessarily
say they are wrong.
That moral confusion is both the That moral confusion is both the
best and the worst aspect of
"Fal in D "Falling Down." Joel Schumacher
of "Flatliners" fame directs each scene - whether funny, sad or frightening - wwith the same jackhammer style. While this enables
the audience to get into D-Fens' the audience to get into D-Fens'
frame of mind, it also leaves them with an important lesson that seemed to slip past most of
audience at a recent showing. audience at a recent showing.
D -Fens is supposed to be a symDol of the average working man, but only as a parable warning of what could go wrong in an extreme situation. While most of his attacks
are played for laughs and get them, are played for laughs and get them,
the overall danger is that the audience will see Douglas as so much of a hero that it won't consider him
as doing anything wrong. And that as doing anything wrong. And that
is precis ly what "Falling Down" is trying to show.
Desglas delivers perhaps his best performance in an awesome, Oscar-winning career, giving D-
Fens a real humanity behind his vigilante actions. Both his humorous anger ard the emotional pain
that propels it are revealed in powthat propels it are revealed in pow-
erful style. If Hollywood overlooks

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