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National crime statistics indicate community rates surpass campus

By CHRIS NEWTON
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The first annual reports required under the federal Student Right to Know Act of 1990 have been released and show that nationally, the crime rate in the community is higher than reported campus crime.

Many experts and university officials are also raising questions about the validity of the statistics the law requires.

"A lot of college administrators are worried that their institutions are going to look bad," Michael Smith, a professor of criminal justice at the University of Southern Mississippi,

told the *Chronicle of Higher Education*.

"Well that may be," he said. "But we just have to hew to the line and let the chips fall where they may."

Colleges have reported approximately 7,500 incidents of violent crime including 30 murders, about 1,000 rapes and over 1,800 robberies. Burglaries and car theft outnumbered violent crimes dramatically with 32,127 and 8,981 respectively.

Under the relatively new law, universities have the obligation of compiling crime statistics and making them open and available to the public. However, the law only requires that the arrests be counted in the

statistics. This aspect of the law has also come under scrutiny.

If a problem is handled internally or by the administration, it is less likely that it will be reported, said David Nichols, director of public safety at Jacksonville State University in Fla. To adhere to the law, many universities have published and distributed flyers or put the information in their student handbooks. TCU released statistics reporting one aggravated assault, 53 burglaries, 14 motor-vehicle thefts, 36 liquor violations that led to an arrest, seven weapons violations, three drug violations and no robberies, rapes or murders.

Robert Nielsen, director of public safety at the University of Maryland, finds major faults with the new law and the statistics it requires.

"Anyone would think we had a big problem here with four rapes in one year, but two of those rapes happened two years ago and were just reported this year," Nielsen said.

Another problem that many law enforcement officials have with the law is that it leaves out areas such as property destruction, arson and disorderly conduct.

"It's nice to know how many murders we have per year, but let's talk

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Crime Report:

Texas Colleges and Universities

	Reported Incidents					Arrests		
	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Auto Theft	Liquor Violations	Drugs	Weapons
Baylor	0	1	0	50	6	19	0	1
Rice	0	1	4	15	19	11	1	1
Texas A&M	2	2	3	115	22	0	9	7
TCU	0	0	1	53	14	36	3	7
U of H	2	6	8	22	58	0	2	16
U of N.Texas	2	0	10	47	8	0	4	1
UT Arlington	2	1	2	25	23	161	0	21
UT Austin	5	2	8	60	51	133	7	15

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Journalist addresses war crimes of Bosnia

By KRISTI WRIGHT
TCU Daily Skiff

A journalist who has just returned from the fronts of Bosnia will discuss the rapes of thousands of Bosnian women as part of an international colloquium Saturday at noon in the Student Center Ballroom.

Grace Halsell, the 1984 Cecil H. and Ida Green Honors Professor, will deliver a speech titled, "Bosnia Today: Political Rape — As Old as History," as part of an international colloquium. The presentation, A New Decade for Women, is sponsored by Association for the Advancement of Policy, Research and Development in the Third World and the journalism department.

Halsell, an author and journalist, recently returned from interviewing Bosnian women about the war crimes against women in the former Yugoslavia.

"I invited Ms. Halsell to speak at the colloquium because I knew her topic would be very timely," said Doug Newsom, professor of journalism.

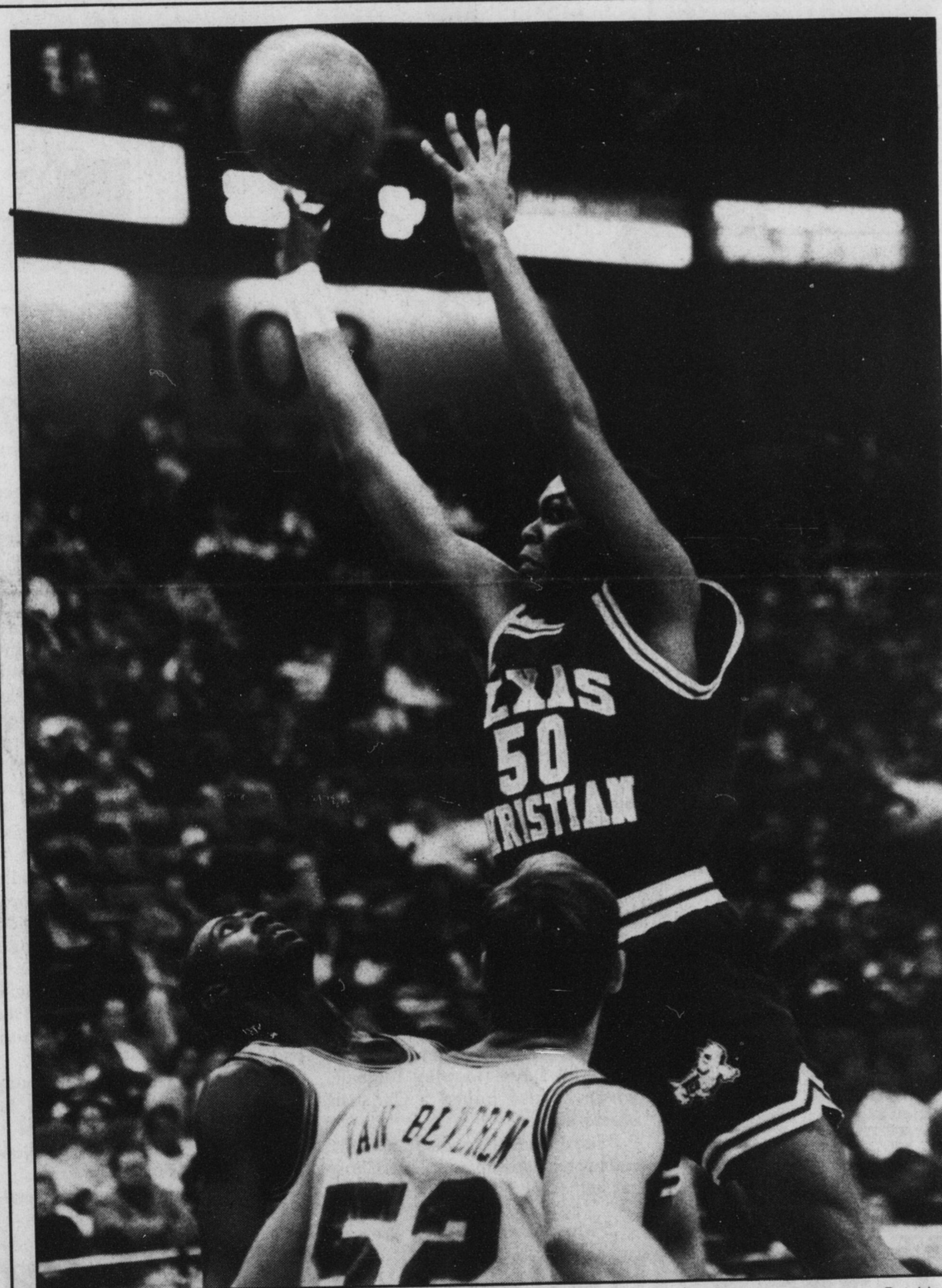
Halsell has said she tries to go beyond mere facts and second-hand accounts when she writes.

She believes in living her research, she said.

"I think the greatest challenge to a researcher is to clothe yourself in the dress, language, mores of your subject — to know it through and through," Halsell said in a 1984 speech given at the university.

Halsell began her quest to go beyond typical investigative reporting in 1968 when she left her job as a speech writer for President Johnson and cosmetically darkened her skin

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TCU Daily Skiff/ Jenny Putschinski

Freshman Byron Waits attempts a basket at the during the March 12 conference play-offs game against SMU. TCU won, 72-71.

Flasher spotted during break

Students report nude man in university buildings

By CHRIS NEWTON
TCU Daily Skiff

The infamous "Reed Hall Flasher" is almost becoming a campus legend, and police said he struck again, possibly twice during spring break. The man, who has evaded several efforts of Campus Police to catch him, escaped again leaving only a sketchy description and a few disgruntled victims in his wake.

Oscar Stewart, chief of Campus Police, said the suspect has been extremely cautious with his actions, which is a major problem in catching him.

"He's on the watch for us," he said. "He's taking major precautions not to get caught. Someone's playing a game with us, but eventually he will be caught."

"It's very frustrating that this guy keeps getting away with this," said Sgt. Connie Villila.

According to the police report, the first incident occurred around 10 a.m. March 13th in Winton-Scott Hall. A student reported seeing a man standing naked in a second floor window.

"A poster from the bulletin board in the hallway had been placed over the window of the door, probably to keep any one from seeing while passing by," said Villila.

A campus police officer found the blinds raised halfway and a chair in the middle of the room, the report said.

The student who reported the incident said that she walked on the north side of Winton-Scott Hall and heard someone knock on a window so she

looked up. After spotting the man standing naked in the window, she immediately called Campus Police. The suspect is described as a white male in his twenties.

"He's done the same thing several times and he's getting away with it," Villila said. "He's also making sure not to let anyone get a good look at his face."

The second incident occurred the next day in Reed Hall at around 2 p.m. The students who reported the incident said that they were walking past the northeast corner of Reed Hall and saw a slightly overweight white male exposing himself in the window. According to the report, the students then went to the second floor of the building without passing the hall that the man was in and called Campus Police. A complete search of the building was made but the man was not found.

Although Campus Police believe the offenses were all committed by the same man they said that they can not be sure.

"Because we've never gotten a good description of the offender, it is not even a certainty that every offense has been committed by the same man," Villila said.

The description of the suspect in the second incident that implied that he is overweight does not necessarily indicate that the offenses were committed by different people, Villila said.

"It's very possible that he was slouching over or trying to look overweight on purpose to hinder any

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'Storm of the Century'

Cold temperatures spoil spring breakers' plans for fun and sun on the beach

By SARAH YOEST
TCU Daily Skiff

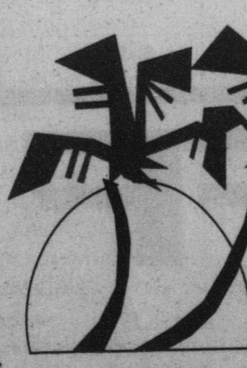
National weathercasters called it the "Storm of the Century," but most spring breakers called it a one-way ticket to hell as the storm left students from across the country stranded in roadside hotels and bundled up on the nation's beaches.

Daytona Beach, Fla. welcomed students hoping to escape their cold campuses with record low temperatures and overcast skies. Record lows were recorded in dozens of cities throughout the southern and eastern United States as the storm blanketed Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia in snow and ice.

Travelers heading east on Interstate 10, the highway which at times borders the Gulf of Mexico, witnessed cars in ditches and snow drifts along the road's shoulders. Snowmen guarded rest stops in Mississippi, and snowball fights broke out beneath the magnolia trees framing the access road.

"It was just a disappointment that the

"Storm of the Century" had to hit during our spring break," said junior psychology major Kelli Lewis.



Lewis and her friend Kim Sewing were planning on driving to Hilton Head, S.C. That was before the storm hit.

The women had planned to leave on March 12 after classes, but after

hearing about the weather, they decided to wait out the storm and postpone their trip until March 14.

Lewis called Alabama's state police to check on road conditions and decided to cancel their trip after hearing the grim news.

"Highway 20 was closed 'til Monday (March 15)," she said. The Alabama police advised Lewis to stay off the road until late March 16 or 17.

"It really sucked because we had a house on the beach and we had to cancel," Lewis said.

Sewing's father owns a house on the beach at Hilton Head, Lewis said, and had cancelled a rental agreement with someone so Sewing and Lewis could have the house for their break. When they were forced to cancel their plans because of the storm, Lewis said, "it screwed everyone's plans."

Instead of spending time on the beach, Lewis and Sewing headed for St. Louis, Mo. where blizzards are, well, more expected.

They avoided the treacherous roads, but junior pre-major Andrea Geesbregt and her friends from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Ill. weren't so lucky. They boarded a bus bound for Florida in St. Louis, but the storm forced their bus off of the road. Geesbregt and her friends spent two nights in a shelter for the homeless and wore the same clothes for three days.

When Geesbregt and her friends finally reached Daytona Beach, they settled into their hotel and watched with dismay as rain poured down on the beach.

The storm also cheated sophomore speech communications major Bonny Wunderlich out of time in the sun.

Wunderlich and five friends started a 16-hour drive to Daytona Beach, Fla. at 3 a.m. Saturday, March 13. The group knew they were in for a surprise when they stopped at a gas station south of Jacksonville, Fla. As they opened the door of freshman pre-major Robin Hathcock's Geo Storm, snow flurries fluttered into the car.

But the snow couldn't keep spring breakers from having a good time.

"Despite the weather, I had a blast," Wunderlich said. "You go to Daytona and expect the sun and the beach, and we really didn't get that."

Because the beach at Daytona was so cold — with the wind chill on March 15, it reached 34 degrees — Wunderlich and her friends laid out in the parking lot of their hotel, using the hotel as a shield from the wintery winds which whipped the Florida coastline.

"I heard in Aspen, it was 65 to 70 degrees during the day; ours was 55 to 60," she said. "Instead of getting a tan, I actually lost mine."

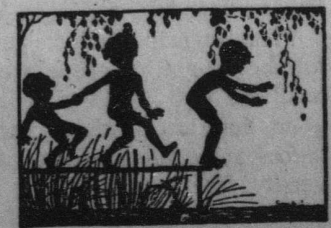
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Wednesday will be sunny with a high temperature of 71 degrees.



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Pi Beta Delta, the honor society for international scholars, will meet from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23 in the Student Center Woodson Room. Edward Simmen, professor of English at Universidad de Las Americas will speak, along with Jim Wright. For more information, call Roberta Corder at 921-7289.

Parabola math club is sponsoring "Marshall Stone: The Man and His Mathematics" by Bob Doran Tuesday, March 23 at 3:30 p.m. in Winton-Scott Hall Room 145. Refreshments will be served from 3 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Winton-Scott Hall Room 171.

TCU Student Foundation is looking for new members. Applications are available at the Student Center Information Desk and at the Alumni House. Deadline is March 23.

Social Work Association is having a meeting March 25 at 5 p.m. in Reed Hall Room 114.

Counseling Center is accepting applications for Peer Counselor positions. Pick up applications at the Counseling Center. Deadline is March 26. Call Ann Marie or Rob at 921-7863.

Biology seminar "Stoichiometry and Ecological Food Webs" by Robert Sterner March 26 from noon to 1 p.m. in Sid Richardson LH4.

North American Open Poetry Contest Send one original poem, any subject or style, to the National Library of Poetry, 11419 Cronridge Dr., P.O. Box 704-XJ, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Poems should be less than 20 lines, with poet's name and address at the top of the page and be postmarked by March 31.

Scholarship applications are now being accepted for the 1993-94 Hatton Sumners Partial Tuition Scholarship Program. Scholarships are available to political science, history, social studies education and pre-law students. Applications at the Office of Scholarships and Student Financial Aid, Sadler 108.

Grammar, spelling and punctuation tests will be given on March 30 at 5:30 p.m., March 31 at 3 p.m. and April 1 at 6 p.m. in Moudy Room 280S. Sign-up sheets are next to the journalism office. Information is available from Connie Peacock at the front desk; study guides are available for \$2.

TCU Ad Club and Design Focus will hold a presentation on how account executives and creatives can better work together, Wednesday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. in Moudy 271S. Food is provided.

Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON
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ARIES(March 21-April 19). Celebrate personal new year with a wish and a new hat. Set goals and make deals in the next few days. Move ahead with negotiations, strengthening family understanding and falling in love.

TAURUS(April 20-May 20). Review from the boss results in recognition. Returns from the past are lucky; be sure to say hello if you spot a long-lost buddy in the crowd. Favours done now are seeds planted for future growth.

GEMINI(May 21-June 21). Join self-improvement groups; volunteer for community efforts. Your leadership is influential at work; recognize that others are following your example. Accept invitations; schmooze.

CANCER(June 22-July 22). Mentor relationship can do you much good. Many lean on you to be the responsible one. Decisions made today have solid results. Agreement with an older relative provides you with more security.

LEO(July 23-Aug. 22). Make a special effort to understand someone of a different background or opinions. Remarkable alliances that figure in the future are forming now. Thinking of returning to school? Go for it!

VIRGO(Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Make money resolutions with mate or partner; set goals for the future. What was borrowed is returned, with interest. Job benefits come in very handy. Divorce and other settlements are finished

at last.
LIBRA(Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Partnerships you've waited for are firming up. Travel is easier from tonight on. One who really loves you is held back from saying so. Get a friend's advice; pick a lawyer or doctor. Your intuition is good.

SCORPIO(Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The vibes between you and a co-worker are growing thicker; be discreet. Bargains can be found on household items, cleaning services, etc. Start a health routine; make dates for checkups.

SAGITTARIUS(Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Enjoy beginning new cycle of imagination, creativity, and maybe even romance. Ask out whomever you've had your eye on. Accept that offer of tickets to entertainment event from a friend.

CAPRICORN(Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Home projects begun now have auspicious vibes. Take time to make real dinner for family tonight, if possible. Bargains you've hoped for are available at last. Give back what is owed.

AQUARIUS(Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Exceptional efforts over past two months are rewarded at last. New acquaintances, sales contacts and information sources acquired today will prove valuable in the long run. Aries has juicy gossip.

PISCES(Feb. 19-March 20). Help with details at work and home. This is a good money day for you; trust your intuition about an investment. Job hunting is strongly favored; see as many as possible. Have a proper dinner; no snacks tonight.

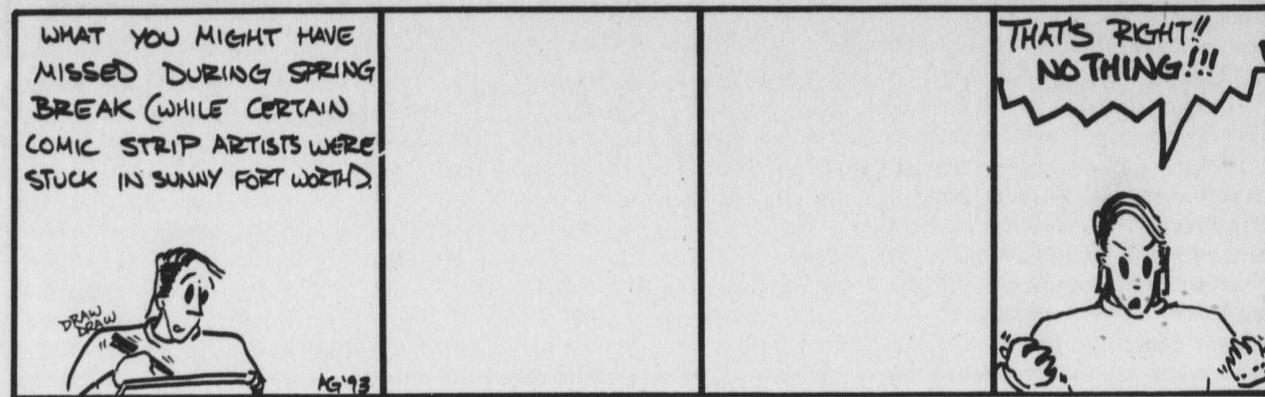
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by Joe Barnes



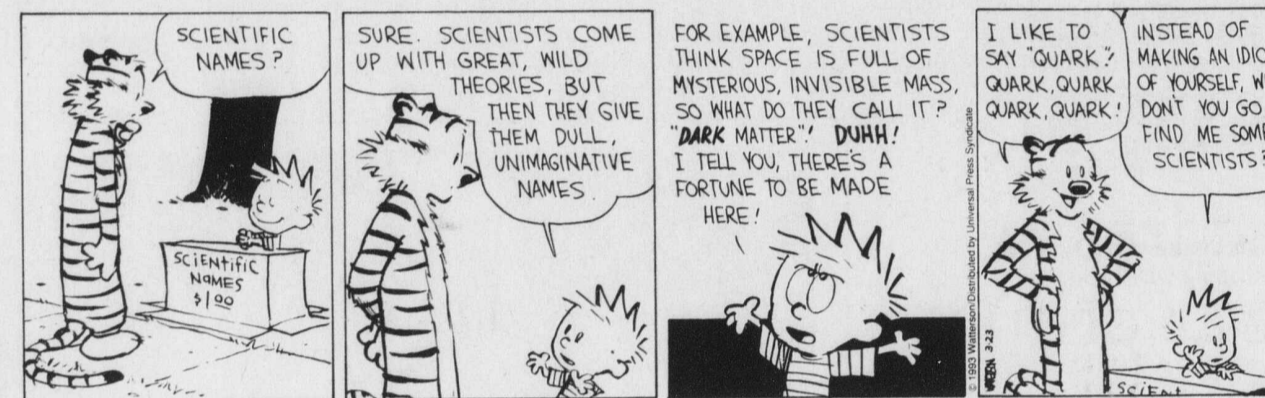
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Former drug addict uses past experiences to steer area kids away from substance abuse

By CHRISTINA BARNES
TCU Daily Skiff

David will tell the truth about what doing drugs feels like.

"It's good," he said. "I'm not going to lie. What crank (a form of cocaine) does — it's a speed. It increases your heart rate."

"You get real hyper, it's called skitzo," David said. "The thing that most of us got off on was that when you snorted it, it burns. It burns inside your nose. That was a high."

David, a TCU graduate who asked that his real name not be used, said he abused drugs for three years until his sister discovered his habit. With the help of his family and friends, he weaned himself from the drugs. David now speaks at area schools encouraging kids to stay away from drugs.

"I can't tell everybody it was bad, because it was fun," he said. "To this day, if I was put in a position (to do drugs) I would do it, that is why I don't get put in that position."

David said he started doing drugs when he was in high school.

"Basically I was at a party, the same old scenario," he said. "It was

there and I did it. I smoked pot."

David and his best friend then began to experiment. He said he has dropped acid, licked an LSD stamp and done "X," which is a form of speed. Through experimentation, David said he developed an addiction to cocaine.

"We did that (cocaine) until it no longer had an effect on us," he said. "So then we started doing crank cocaine. It's three or four times as bad for you than coke, because coke is a natural derivative from a plant and crank is a manufactured."

Crank was the hardest substance he has abused, David said.

"I did enough of that for it to be the worst," he said.

David said he started his addiction to crank when he was a freshman at another university. He did the drug on weekends and whenever he went home, he said. The summer after his freshman year, David said, he did crank almost every day.

A gram bag of cocaine in a drawer was what gave David and his drug addiction away. David said his sister found the drug and his parents confronted him with it.

"They told me I had two choices,"

he said. "I could either straighten up, and do what it took to get off of it and they would help me, or I could move out and give up on school."

David said he talked to his best friend, who was also a drug user, and they decided to help each other stop the addiction.

"We were getting to the point where we didn't have the money, but we didn't have the ability not to do it," he said. "Both of us didn't want to do this for the rest of our lives."

Throughout the rest of that summer, David said he and his friend started to spend time with people who did not do drugs. Gradually, without help from a treatment center, David said they stopped doing drugs on their own.

David did not have the grades to go back to school his sophomore year, so instead he spent a semester playing football at a local community college.

After junior college, TCU recruited David to play football, where he also joined a Christian organization.

"The friends I've made at TCU and my relationship with Jesus Christ has helped me greatly," he said.

In the group, David met a member of Peer Educators, a student organization that works to encourage people not to succumb to the peer pressure involved with alcohol and drugs.

Peer Educators is made up of a wide variety of students including fraternity members, athletes, and minority students. Students go through a training session that consists of discussions with a Drug Enforcement Agency agent and a psychologist, and instruction on presentation skills.

In the fall, Peer Educators present programs on alcohol and drugs to students in the TCU residence halls. In the spring semester, Peer Educators go to elementary and middle schools and encourage children to set goals and fight peer pressure.

David said he got involved with the organization because he liked the idea of helping kids stay away from bad influences.

"I hadn't opened up to anybody about the things that I had done," he said. "After the first time I talked to kids, I realized I could get their attention and they would listen to me."

Steve Cummins, program special-

ist for TCU's Alcohol and Drug Education program, said that David does have an influence upon the kids who hear him speak.

"His massive football stature catches their attention right away," he said. "Then he delivers his message about his life so clearly, the kids pay attention."

David said he feels he can have an impact on kids.

"Kids don't pay attention to their parents like we did," he said. "But they look up to athletes and movie stars, so I felt like being an athlete I could impact their lives."

David said he finds inspiration for his message in a saying.

"The Lord said, 'Build a better world,' and I said, 'How?'" he said. "It's so vast and big, I'm so small and weak, what can I do? And the Lord said 'Build a better you.'"

David said he will be fighting the temptation to do drugs for the rest of his life, but he knows he does not want to lead the life of an addict.

"When you do drugs there is a stage where you come down off the high," he said. "It's pretty damn miserable."

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to live as a black woman in the South, she said.

She wrote the book *Soul Sister* based upon her experiences as a "black woman."

Halsell has also lived with a Navajo family on a reservation in Arizona and crossed the Rio Grande with illegal immigrants to better understand the feelings of the people she writes about, she said.

Halsell covered the Korean and Vietnam wars as a journalist and has also written several other books.

Tickets to the luncheon are available in the journalism department office for \$15. They must be purchased by noon Thursday.

FBI blasts Waco compound with Tibetan music

By CHIP BROWN
Associated Press

WACO, Texas (AP) — The FBI, frustrated by the trickle of people out of the Branch Davidian compound, has stepped up its sonic assault on the heavily armed cult, playing Tibetan religious chants into the early morning Monday.

Although nine people left the compound from Friday to Sunday afternoon, FBI special agent Bob Ricks said more had been expected.

"We were pretty much led to

believe we had a substantial number coming out as a prelude to ending this situation," Ricks said. "We were somewhat disappointed."

Authorities have said up to 30 cult members are interested in leaving the Branch Davidians' rural fortress just outside of Waco. Koresh, who has held authorities at bay for 23 days, remained holed up Monday with 96 of his followers, including 17 children and several women he claims as his wives.

Ricks said agents stopped broadcasts into the compound on the

Davidians' Sabbath Saturday because "they said they were going to start taking very positive action to end this matter in a matter of days," Ricks said.

But late Sunday and early Monday authorities returned to the broadcasts of taped negotiations between Koresh and FBI agents and the religious chants.

"One person was recommending we play Achy Breaky Heart continuously," Ricks joked.

Meanwhile Monday, cult mem-

bers who left the compound over the weekend appeared before a federal magistrate. They are being held as material witnesses to the Feb. 28 shootout that erupted after agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms attempted to serve an arrest warrant for Koresh and search for illegal weapons at the compound.

U.S. Magistrate Dennis Green appointed attorneys for the cult members and set their detention hearings for Wednesday or Thursday.

One of the nine people released over the weekend, Victorine Hollingsworth, 59, did not appear in court due to hospitalization for a heart condition. She was in stable condition Monday, according to a spokesman at Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center.

The eight members appeared before Green in orange jail jumpsuits, with their feet and one hand shackled. Most were calm and polite, and even joked with reporters.

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more about the problems we have more often with student misconduct," Nielsen said.

Campus Police Chief Oscar Stewart, whose office is responsible for compiling the data, said he thinks the law is a "good thing."

"The law helps students get a feel for the amount of crime a campus has," he said. "The statistics are good, but I also think it's important to look at the safety policies of a university. That's every bit as important."

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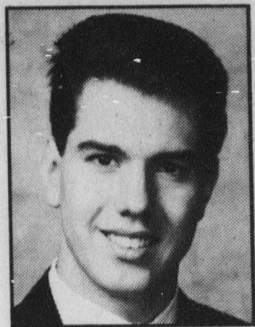
Opinion

University's horned frog mascot rooted in tradition, school spirit

Have you ever wondered what possessed the early founders of this school to choose the horned frog as our mascot? A mascot is a source of pride, the one identity which binds a school together. Why is ours a spiny toad?

The name "horned frog," along with our school colors, was chosen in 1897 by a selection committee. It is said that Addison Clark Jr., a popular professor because of his extracurricular involvement with students, served on the committee and suggested the title of "Horned Frog" for our first school annual.

He picked that name because the little lizards had been abundant at the original TCU site of Waco. When Clark introduced the sport of football to the school in the same year, the team was also nicknamed



CHRISTIAN ELLIS

Guatemala.

Ants are the main course for our beloved horned frog; it can consume up to

the Horned Frogs.

The term "horned lizard" is actually the proper name for the animal. There are fourteen varieties of the horned lizard, and they live in areas ranging from southwestern Canada to the western United States to

200 ants a day. The horned lizard likes to live in dry sandy areas with lots of ants. The reptile is in danger of becoming extinct because it is being killed off by fire ants, pesticides, and loss of habitat.

Other schools in the Southwest Conference have mascots which are more common, such as the Bears, Cougars and Mustangs. These animals were chosen for their strength and courage.

The horned frog is pretty tough, too. It can withstand extreme temperatures, and has several means of defense.

The horned lizard does not use its horns aggressively, but they do discourage animals from attacking. Some species can actually take in large quantities of air and puff up their bodies to scare predators.

Other types have a secret weapon that

they use only when under great stress. The lizards pump blood into a sinus between the eyeball and the skull, becomes rigid, makes a rasping sound, and fires the liquid from its eyes. The blood supposedly contains a compound which tastes bad to certain mammals, but scientists have not yet discovered what the compound is.

The horned frog was officially named our mascot in 1902, when the Board of Trustees approved athletic competition at TCU. The original mascot was named "Addie the Fighting Frog", and it attended all athletic events. In 1979, the mascot's image was changed to SuperFrog. Instead of being a cheerleader, SuperFrog has become a sideshow for the fans to enjoy.

During my stay at TCU, I have grown rather fond of the horned frog. Although it

looks ferocious, it is really a gentle creature.

The horned frog can be competitive, though. Former coach Jim Wacker referred to the creature as "the meanest, fightin' est little lizard in America." And the baby horned frog on the cover of this year's Frog Calls really is cute.

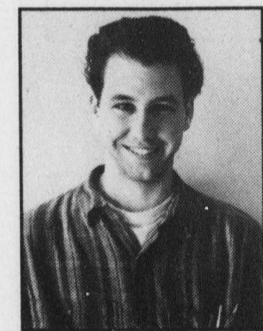
There are other fine universities in this country, and there are better athletic programs. But there is only one school in America that has the mascot of a horned frog.

That is a distinction that I take pride in. And if you don't like it, I'll just spit blood at you.

Christian Ellis is a sophomore business major from Arlington.

Scientific world receives very little respect from society

As a neuroscience major and a firm believer in rational methodology, I'd like to spend a few paragraphs explaining why I think science is neat, and what I plan to do about it in the future. First up is why I think science beats the hell out of the humanities, and why I get a warm fuzzy feeling whenever I think about technical doodads and transistor things.



MATT FLAHERTY

The most important aspect of science in this regard is its relation to progress. Despite the post modern tendency to deconstruct truth in a relative world, science manages to discover the operating principles of nature, which leads to advancement. Since childhood I've been fascinated with this kind of understanding, although I was never smart enough to take my TV apart and rebuild it like some of the nerds you see featured on the NOVA program. I find such wacky brilliance enviable, for

while I pass my science courses at TCU, and even look to science as a career option, I'll never possess a nerd's intuitive grasp of quantum physics or really complex rocks. And these insights are the foundation of my leisurely bourgeois lifestyle. Nerds and science, along with lots of cheap oil, make high living standards possible. That's why *nerd isn't* a dirty word in my vocabulary. I think nerds are neat.

So you see I have a great deal of respect for nerds, and although I'd never invite one to a party of mine, or marry one, or even talk to one, I wouldn't consciously make fun of one, either. I'd much rather denigrate common fools who couldn't explain how a toilet flushes to save their life, like myself. We're the frightening breed. We live in a world filled with atomic power generators, multicolored lasers and electric pencil sharpeners, yet most of us haven't got the first clue how anything actually works.

There are exceptions, of course. Guys named Moe who wear trousers two sizes too large and drive trucks with wooden campers often possess an amazing grasp of the principles underlying refrigeration, heating and air conditioning. But even the Moe's of America don't regularly create new doohickeys and thingamajigs. It takes a nerd to invent the engine that drives progress. That's why I think we seriously undervalue them.

This nerd undervaluation leads to my second point; how I plan to help America's most productive misfits. Improving research salaries and science funding is one option, but I'm not a dreamer, so forget it. In a more pragmatic vein, I propose opening the world's first ever *Nerd Hall of Fame/Petting Zoo*, designed and operated by normal people for the greater glorification of the scientifically gifted. This way, if we can't all be nerds and contribute to society, at least we can acknowledge those people who do, and see some neat exhibits to boot.

The Nerd Hall of Fame/Petting Zoo should be located as far away from TCU as possible, preferably on the campus of MIT or Cal-Tech. I envision displays like Einstein's pickled brain, the mutated body of the guy who discovered X-rays, and the lab coats of great chemists who unwittingly blew themselves to smithereens attracting large crowds of tourists from Japan and Korea, along with a few Americans who haven't heard how terrible our schools are. A trip to the Zoo could also be billed as important family time. Mom and dad could learn to hook up a VCR while the children watched actual nerds at work drawing funny symbols on a blackboard. Kids with a quarter could feed the nerds chalk from a gum ball machine, and maybe even learn how the guns they tote to school operate.

As for the practical concern of attracting visitors, I suggest an advertising campaign akin to Wall Drug's. We'd put signs up all over Silicon Valley and East Asia reading *You are now 10,256 miles from the Nerd Hall of Fame — if you can express that distance in nanometers, stop on by!*, and sucker people in with misleading claims about live dinosaurs and frozen aliens.

We could also have a wooden Edison standing at the front door offering cigars and cheap transistor doodads to incoming patrons. Of course visitors would be held to a strict code of conduct. No relativists or deconstructionists allowed, and anyone caught making farting noises with their armpits or mentioning the Piltdown Man would be escorted out immediately.

Matt Flaherty is a sophomore neuroscience major from Des Moines, Iowa.



EDITORIAL

Thanks

Basketball team played hard throughout difficult season

After a season of heartaches and headaches, the TCU men's basketball team proved that sometimes a big heart can do much more than just raw talent.

The Frogs shocked everyone but themselves with a 72-71 upset of SMU in the first round of the Southwest Conference Post-Season Tournament at Reunion Arena in Dallas March 12.

Junior center Eric Dailey and senior forward Allen Tolley wouldn't let the Frogs lose, scoring 26 and 21 points respectively, including 11 of the last 17 Frog points.

Tolley and point guard Brent Atwater closed out their senior year in grand fashion by showing the younger guys what it took to win the big game.

In an otherwise dismal season that saw the Frogs finish in the SWC cellar, the Frogs provided themselves and their fans with one shining moment to be proud of. The best part of the tournament victory was that it occurred against SMU — a local rival and a team that did advance to the NCAA tournament.

Hopefully, with only two seniors on the ros-

ter, the Frogs can build on their win over SMU and start looking ahead to a strong season next year. With the experience gained through this difficult season, culminating in the dramatic conference tournament victory, the Frogs can build and prepare for another run next year.

Dailey will be back along with Jentry Moore, Myron Gordon, James Williams and Byron Waits to provide the Frogs with a strong nucleus to build around. To the senior players, thank you for your efforts over the last few years and thank you for your leadership this season.

Often times the student body and the press can criticize teams and players for lack of results. However, we would all be remiss if we neglect to thank the players and the coaches on the squad for their efforts this season and congratulate them on the biggest win of their season. The Frogs may not have made it to the NCAA Tournament this year, but *The Skiff* salutes them on a fine effort, for never giving up all season long and for a great win over SMU.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Speed Zones

Recognition for community service is overlooked or not even thought of. It always goes unnoticed when police officers do that service since it is their job. I would like to give recognition to those officers who have recently been patrolling West Cantey.

In the past few weeks, these officers have been out in front of the Alice B. Carlson Elementary School during afternoon school zone hours. They can be seen ticketing parents who are picking up their kids, but the majority are TCU students in search of a non-existent parking spot.

These officers are not just writing out one or two tickets either. They are ruthlessly stopping as many speed offenders as possible. They are, after all, here to "protect and to serve." The lives of these children are what they are protecting.

Those of you who have been ticketed are not going to agree with me now that these officers deserve recognition. Just think for a moment and compare the price you will pay for the ticket and the price that will be paid for

hitting a child with your vehicle. There is no comparison, the child cannot be brought back. Period. Your ticket is a paltry fee compared to the child's life.

School zones are put up for a reason. They are also the law; break it and you will pay. Mallory won't be able to help you this time. Thank you officers for making many people see that in the past weeks.

Rebecca Conley
Sophomore
Nursing

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Road trip through blizzard leads to an Alabama mall

It began so well. We had a feeling that we wouldn't have any trouble. That's what we told my parents — don't worry. We won't have any trouble. Sure, it was cold on Friday here in Fort Worth and we even saw a few disoriented snow flakes. But one can drive through coldness. One can even drive through the aftermath of snow.

Texas was a little boring, perhaps, but calmly uneventful. Louisiana featured a few piles of snow beside the interstate, but nothing exciting. In Mississippi, the little piles were getting bigger, but were safely lying in heaps under the trees.

I fell asleep in eastern Mississippi, confident that we wouldn't have any trouble. When I woke up in western Alabama, the snow had advanced from the far side of the ditch to the very edge of the shoulder. It was relaxing, slyly, in tree branches. It had leaped into the median, where it lounged, looking pleased with itself. Nevertheless, the road was clear. As long as the snow doesn't get onto the road, we'll be fine, we said. Only a few more hours to Atlanta.

We left the interstate for a few miles near Knoxville, Ala. for a road construction detour. When we rejoined it, the snow had made its move and was sitting smugly in the road, sullenly melting in sheets of water. We had two tracks for four tires, with ice on either side and under us. It was getting late. The sun was setting. The temperature was dropping. Well, we said, maybe we can make it to Birmingham. We're still not having any trouble.

The sun set. We made it to Tuscaloosa, Ala. They closed the interstate to Birmingham. The road was open back to Mississippi, but we had been on that road. If we got back on it, we'd die.

My fiance and I sat in the parking lot of a closed McDonald's. The radio said it was going to be nine degrees that night. Even the Denny's was packed. We called the nearest town in Mississippi (two hours away at normal speed) but every hotel there was full, too.

We were scared. How can I tell you how frightened we were? Even shutting the car off for a few minutes made it so cold inside we shivered. We had no where to go. We really, truly, had no where to go. We called my mom. Always call your mother when you panic. She, in the best tradition of mothers, was completely calm. Call the police, she said. Don't cry. Just call the police. Then find another pay phone and tell me where you are.

The police sent us to the Tuscaloosa Mall. I'm sure in any other situation this would be an adequate mall. In our situation, it was heaven. Three hundred people stayed in the mall that night. By the time we got there, all of the benches were taken. We found a nice, low wall and set up camp with our blankets, pillows and backpacks beneath it. It wasn't private but it was inside. We were warm. We weren't going to die.

The Chick-Filet manager stayed open all night so people could eat. The Sears manager opened up so people could buy blankets and pillows. People trooped to the restrooms with toothbrushes and washed their faces in the mall restroom sinks. You don't really sleep on the floor of a mall. You occasionally doze, but sleep never comes.

At about 5:30 a.m., all of the children and all of the dogs woke up. The night before, both had been too scared to be active, but early in the morning, both had a marvelous time. The children chased the dogs. The dogs chased the children. Children chased children and dogs chased dogs. The rest of us were groggy.

We left Tuscaloosa that morning about 10 a.m. The roads weren't completely clear, but the sun was again shining. We were safe. We were warm. We didn't die. We got to Atlanta that evening and slept, soundly, in a bed. The next day we made it to North Carolina, our destination, without any more crises. When it was all over we had to admit that, really, we didn't have any trouble.

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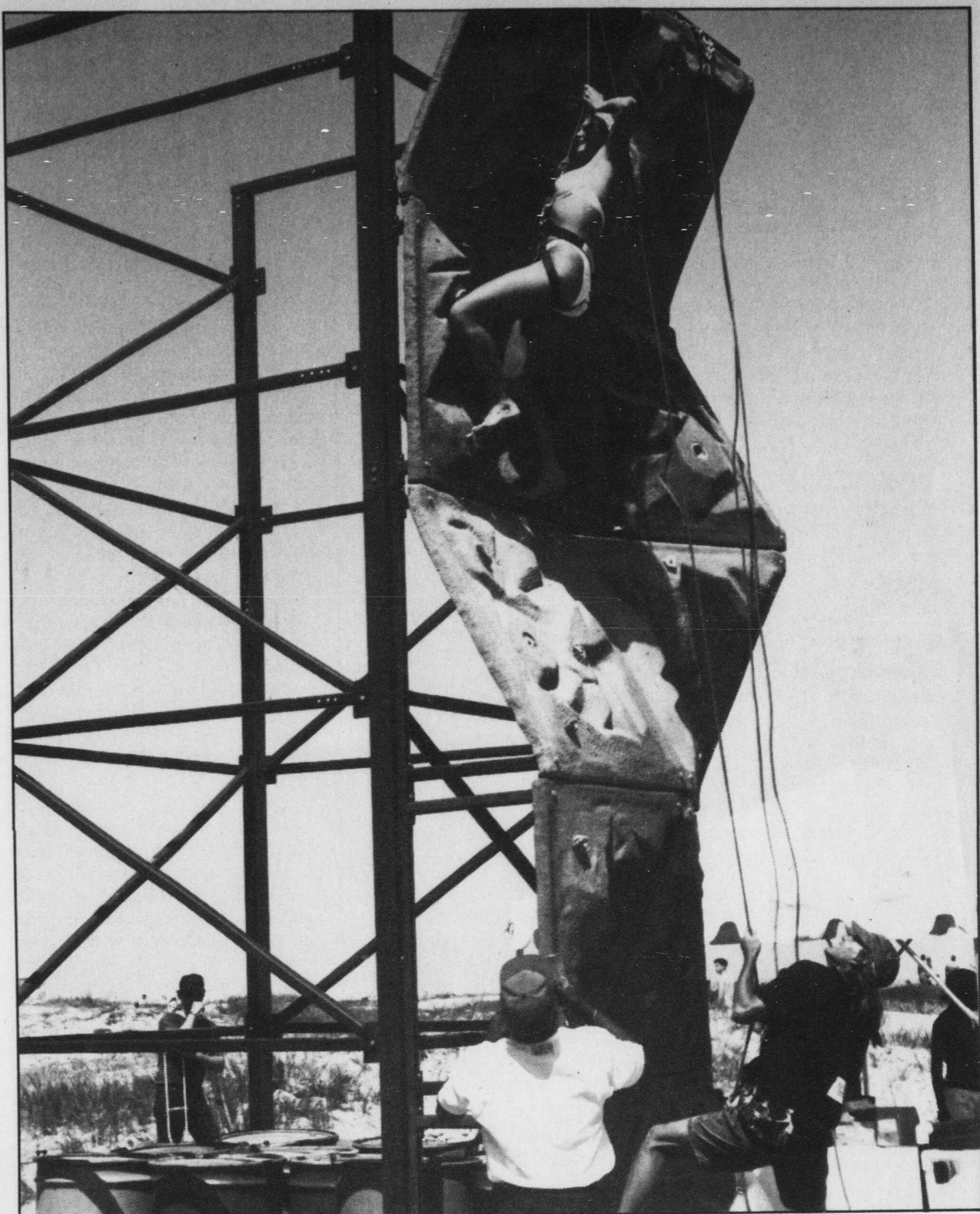
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Left:
Spring Breakers congregate in front of KTCU's broadcast booth near the Radisson Hotel on South Padre Island.

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Several companies offered free contests and activities as part of South Padre Island's spring break festivities.

Above: A girl "rock-climbs" on the beach, courtesy of Girbaud Jeans.



Left: Volleyball games were sponsored by Coca-Cola as part of the Coca-Cola, Texas extravaganza.

Expert says minority health suffers

By CHARLSIE MAYS
TCU Daily Skiff

An increased number of minorities in the medical profession is needed to improve health situations in these communities, a visiting professor said Monday night.

Richard Garfield, assistant professor of epidemiology at Columbia University, spoke during a program sponsored by the Harris College of Nursing. Garfield is the Visiting Green Professor for the department.

Minority representation in the health profession is far less than the actual minority population, he said.

If minorities were more visible in the profession, people in those communities would seek health care more readily, he said.

"(Disadvantaged minorities) would be more willing to get medical care if the professionals looked like

them," he said.

Few financial options is not the only reason minorities don't seek out care, he said. Other factors include distance to health facilities, if minorities are comfortable and their ability to communicate with the professional, he said.

"Disadvantaged minorities face health care problems that others don't have to deal with because of their poor living conditions and economic standing," he said.

They also have a higher risk of being uninsured, he said, so the push for medical reform has increased.

Health care reforms have not been policy initiatives, he said.

Medicaid was created in 1965 to help the poverty stricken get access to medical services, Garfield said.

"(Medicaid) is not a reasonable health care system because it creates social and cultural differences," he

said.

Those well below the poverty line were helped by the reform; those who were slightly better off didn't get the same assistance, he said.

The most recent health care proposal to be put up for review would call for universal insurance, mandatory employee insurance and price controls, Garfield said.

"This reform would insure coverage for the uncovered," he said.

The proposal would also prove that everyone has a right to health care and would create a new relationship with organized medicine, Garfield said. Doctors would be reimbursed for the value of their services instead of costs, he said.

The program will also cause a much greater demand for nurses because they will be able to provide the same primary care as doctors at a more reasonable cost, he said.

Guitar wizard

Jazz musician, Austin band to perform Wednesday

By BETH AINE BOLLINGER
TCU Daily Skiff

Jazz guitarist Robin Crow, a Fort Worth native, and Austin band Little Sister will play at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at Ed Landreth Auditorium.

Crow has been described as a guitar wizard who defies the typical classification most bands are subjected to, according to a Programming Council press release.

"The double neck guitar genius has sold tens of thousands of his five previous albums through independent distribution, as well as in person during years of touring," the release said.

"It's mostly rock," said Programming Council Concerts chairman Will Steed. "He plays guitar, and he doesn't sing. It's kind of alternative rock."

Crow performs covers of Pink Floyd and U2 songs, Steed said.

According to an article in the *Metropolitan Times*, Crow's latest release, "Electric Cinema," is rumored to be the most expensive instrumental album that RCA/Reddevous has ever recorded. According to the article, over 1,000 studio hours and five weeks of mixing went into production of "Electric Cinema."

Crow is backed on "Electric," by David Hungate of Toto, Kerry Livgren of Kansas and Larrie Londin of Journey.

Steed heard Crow perform at the NACA convention, where recording acts and other entertainers perform for representatives from colleges around the country in hopes of landing a campus concert.

Performing at TCU had a special appeal for Crow, Steed said.

"Robin went to Paschal and has always wanted to play at TCU," he said. "I listened to his tapes, and he sounded pretty good, so I thought

I'd give him a try."

The Austin-based band Little Sister will be opening the show. The band has been drawing near-capacity crowds at Club Dada in Dallas and the Black Cat in Austin, according to the press release.

Little Sister's first release, "Freedom Child," is a mix of danceable blues, funk and soul tunes, according to the press release.

Little Sister has only been together for 14 months and in that short period they have become one of the top bands in Austin, band manager Scott Robinson said.

The band keeps a heavy touring schedule and is preparing for a major label deal, Robinson said.

Admission to the show is free with a TCU I.D. General admission seating without a TCU I.D. is \$6. Tickets will be available at the door after 7:30 p.m. the night of the concert.

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News

World continues to struggle with recession



GENEVA (AP) — The United States and much of Europe are still struggling with recession, and only Asia has a healthy outlook for growth in jobs, a U.N. agency said Tuesday. Africa faces the worst problems, with unemployment rates in its cities of 15 percent to 20 percent, the

International Labor Organization said. It estimated 14 million Africans are out of work and said their ranks have been rising about 10 percent a year recently. Latin America has made some progress from its severe economic problems of the mid-1980s, the report said. The United States, Japan and some European countries reported an increased number of jobs in 1992, but those gains were offset by substantial job losses in Germany, Britain, Spain, Switzerland and Scandinavia, the report said.

Perot to appear before House committee



WASHINGTON (AP) — Ross Perot will appear before a House committee this week to discuss the proposed free trade agreement with Mexico. From the Dallas billionaire's comments during the

presidential campaign, it's unlikely he'll give a ringing endorsement of the North American Free Trade Agreement, and the tycoon's 19 percent of the election returns has given him clout that Congress is unwilling to ignore.

If ratified by the legislatures of the United States, Canada and Mexico, the trade pact over 15 years would eliminate barriers to the free movement of goods, services and investment across the continent.

Preparations for Railey trial begin



SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Looking relaxed and confident, deposed Dallas minister Walker Railey said Monday he's ready to answer charges that he tried to kill his wife in 1987. Prospective jurors filled out ques-

tionnaires while attorneys debated a flurry of defense motions in a prelude to actual jury selection and the start of testimony, set for Wednesday. Railey is on trial for the April 21, 1987, attack on his wife Peggy, then 38, who was choked and left for dead at the couple's home in a Dallas suburb.

The victim survived, but remains in a "persistent vegetative state" from which doctors say she will never recover. If convicted, Railey faces up to 20 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Assistant director Bohon called 'glue' of honors department

By JENNIFER SCOTT
TCU Daily Skiff

It was a typical frantic morning in the honors department office.

A rushed professor needed 500 copies of the topographical map of South America by the afternoon. A frenzied freshman on the telephone couldn't get into an honors composition class and worried that she would never graduate. Students came in at regular intervals to turn in papers, leave notes or wave hello on their way to class.

Meanwhile, Sally Bohon sat smiling in the center of the mayhem, providing a calm influence to all those around her.

Bohon, 60, has served as the assistant director of the honors department for 17 years, and many say she is the glue that holds the program together.

"She is definitely the cornerstone of the Honors Program," said Jim Kelly, chemistry professor and director of the program from 1981 to 1988. "She has a tremendous vitality and is a very imaginative and creative person. Much of what has happened in the Honors Program has happened because of her creativity."

Students in the Honors Program consider her to be the ultimate resource person on campus, said Jamie McIlvain, senior news-editorial major and chair of the Honors Cabinet.

"If you need an answer, you know to go to her because she has been here so long and talked to so many students that she can help with just about anything," she said.

Bohon moved to Fort Worth from Chapel Hill, N.C., in 1965 when her husband joined the history department at TCU. She joined the physics department as secretary in 1968.

A student assistant in the physics

department who served on the Honors Cabinet invited Bohon to apply for the honors department position, but she was apprehensive in the beginning, she said.

"There had only been one other woman in the position since the program began in 1962, and she had a master's degree in philosophy," Bohon said. "It was intimidating because she had done a lot of big things in this position, and it scared me to have to fill such big shoes."

In spite of her initial fears, Bohon joined the honors department in April 1976, and, she said, considers it one of the best decisions she has ever made.

"This is the most enjoyable and creative position I could ever have," she said. "The students are bright and innovative and truly energizing to be around."

Bohon is the academic adviser for pre-majors in the Honors Program. She coordinates the annual Honors Week festivities in the spring and prepares presentations for meetings of national and regional honors councils.

"The duties of this job are so diverse that no two days are ever the same," she said.

In 1978, she made the decision to return to the classroom after dropping out of Michigan State University to get married in 1951.

"It became evident that everyone in my family would have a college degree except me," she said. "I was afraid I wouldn't be able to hold up my end of the conversation at the dinner table and that just would not do."

She also put herself through the Honors Program in order to show her students that she believed in what she was doing, she said.

"I thought that if I was going to be encouraging students to go through the Honors Program that I should put

myself through it as well," she said. "I didn't want it to be 'do as I say and not as I do.'"

Bohon received her bachelor's degree in art history in 1985, with both university and departmental honors.

Kelly said the relationship between Bohon and her students was ideal.

"She is very attentive to their needs," he said, "but she is also a good disciplinarian with high standards."

"She has a tremendous ability to communicate and to find the best in the students in order to bring out their strong characteristics," he said. "She helps them find the best in themselves."

McIlvain said that Bohon's openness to students was what draws them to her.

"She is so accepting of everybody," she said. "You know you won't be judged if you go to her for help. She lets you just be yourself."

One way in which the students return her enthusiasm is by adding to her collection of turtle figurines and paraphernalia, which fills the shelves in her small office.

Her first turtle was given to her by Kelly while she still worked in the physics department, she said.

"I was typing a dissertation for one of his Ph.D. students," she said. "When I completed it, he brought me this gift with a note attached that read 'This is a token of our esteem for you and the speed in which you type'."

The gift was a turtle-shaped tape dispenser, which sits on her desk today, surrounded by the rest of her ever-growing collection.

All of the turtles have been gifts from professors, students and even parents with children in the Honors Program. One student even went as

far as to smuggle a tiny white turtle figurine out of China in the cuff of his pants, she said.

The collection has also been the focus of many pranks through the years, Bohon said.

"Some of the students used to do terrible things to my turtles," she said. "I would never know what to expect when I got back from vacations."

She returned after one vacation to find her office filled with balloons, even though it was well-known that she was terrified of them from a bad childhood experience. Upon closer inspection, she realized that each balloon had a turtle inside it and she was forced to pop the balloons to retrieve them.

After another vacation, she returned to an office full of empty shelves.

"All the turtles were gone," she said. "Before long I began getting ransom notes from the 'Jarvis Broads.'" They returned a turtle for every dozen chocolate-chip cookies I baked for the dorm."

In May 1995, the turtles will be moved one last time as Bohon and her husband, John, retire from TCU after 26 and 28 years respectively.

"We are going to build a log cabin in Colorado and do all the things we've been putting off doing for so long," she said.

Those associated with the Honors Program say they try not to think about the day when TCU will lose what they consider to be one of its most colorful and caring personalities.

"Sally has defined the personality of the Honors Program for so many years," Kelly said. "She is the kind of person who after you've known for a short while, can't remember ever having not known her."

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description given by a victim," she said. "Their similar methods of lowering the blinds halfway down to help conceal their identity help connect the cases."

The flasher's disappearing act after the incidents is also a big mystery to police.

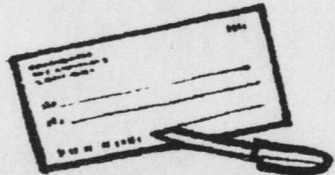
"He must have a well planned escape route because no one ever sees him leaving and we never find him in the building," Villila said.

Villila said the key to catching the offender is the continuation of student involvement.

"Students are doing a good job of reporting what they see," she said. "If we're ever going to catch this guy we're going to need everyone's help."

If a student sees this person or any other offense being committed, the sooner you call us the greater the chance that the person will be caught, Villila said.

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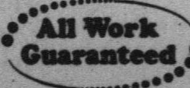
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